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# Where does he go from here?

A fight is taking place within the republican movement between those who argue in favour of 'military' means as the best and quickest way of achieving their aims and those who say that the political route would be more productive. Yesterday, Gerry Adams came closer than ever before to exposing the depths of that struggle to public gaze

**S**INN Fein president Gerry Adams came closer than ever before to renouncing violence as a political tool yesterday when Dublin and John Major put sustained pressure on his party to clarify its position on the IRA's 'armed struggle'.

Mr Adams was speaking as the Irish government decided to maintain a channel of communication with Sinn Fein in spite of the Manchester bomb. Loyalists warned that it placed even greater pressure on their increasingly fragile ceasefire.

A Dublin spokesman said the contact with Sinn Fein would be used to explore the continuing possibility of an IRA ceasefire. But it would also be reviewed in the light of the party's responses to two questions: has Mr Adams sought a ceasefire from the IRA and does he continue to support the IRA's 'armed struggle'?

Confronted on radio yesterday by those questions, Mr Adams said Sinn Fein wanted to "see an end to the armed struggle". He continued: "We're not involved in it and we do not advocate it."

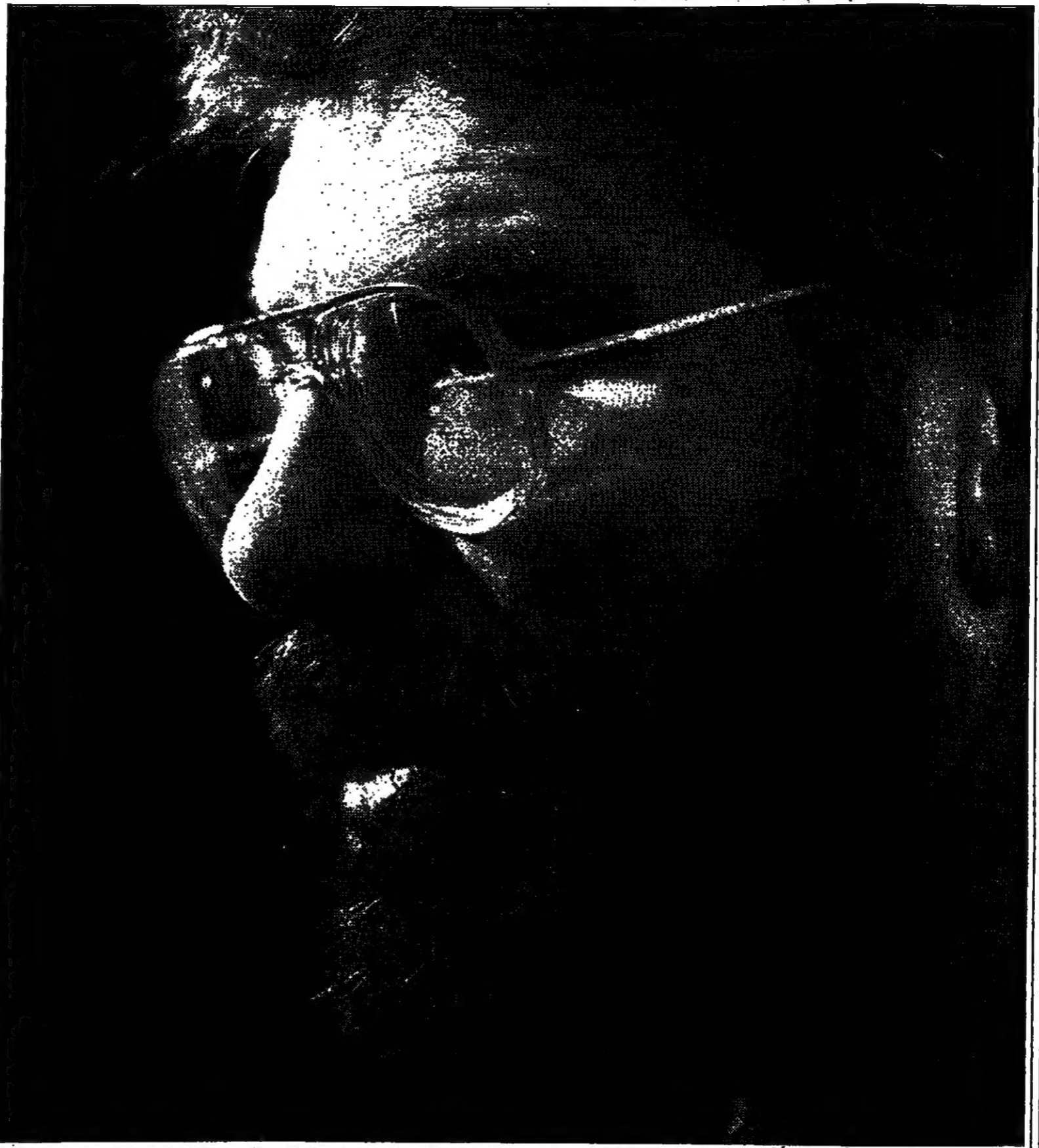
The interview, with its sometimes tortuous language, hinted at the depth of the struggle of ideas taking place within the republican movement at present, as "militarists" battle with "politicians" over the best way forward.

But Mr Adams's comments also raised more questions about the original logic behind the IRA's 17-month ceasefire.

Was Sinn Fein's "peace strategy" built upon the premise that in return for the ending of IRA violence, the British presence in Ireland would slowly but most surely come to an end, with or without Unionist consent?

If this was not the case, at what stage did the republican leadership intend to inform its grassroots supporters that British withdrawal is only obtainable through the consent of a majority of people living within "the partitioned Northern Ireland"?

Mr Adams said Sinn Fein



Gerry Adams: "The reality is that we deal with the objective situation and the conditions which exist in making peace. And making peace is very difficult."

understood how in certain conditions armed actions were seen as legitimate: "That has been the international experience." But he added: "I want to see an end to armed struggle. That is the clear concise, non-complicated answer to the question. The reality of the situation is that there was no armed struggle for a year and a half. The reality of the situation is that those of us who were trying to move the process forward were slapped in the face by the British government."

Turning to the recent IRA murder of an Irish policeman and the Manchester bomb, he said: "I wish there had not

been the killing of Garda McCabe in Adare. I believe that it should not have happened and the news that individual IRA volunteers were involved makes it even worse from my perspective.

"I wish that the bomb had not happened in Manchester. I wish that there weren't British soldiers on the streets of the Six Counties.

"I wish there wasn't discrimination. I wish there hadn't been Unionist domination. I wish that our island wasn't partitioned.

"But the reality is that we deal with the objective situation and the conditions which exist in making peace. And

Anglo-Irish front and has put the prospect of a political settlement without the gunmen or their allies. "The US and others abroad have perhaps been given a telling lesson in the realities of the IRA," he said. The prime minister again agreed.

A crucial meeting of Northern Ireland's all-party talks takes place today when Uist Unionists will deliver their verdict on whether chairman George Mitchell can keep his wide-ranging powers. Mitchell was installed last week after 17 hours of negotiations. The talks were adjourned while the parties drew up proposals for his role.

### The Irish questions

The questions that were put to Gerry Adams by the Irish government yesterday:

**Q:** Does your party continue to support the "armed struggle" of the IRA?

**A:** I want to see an end to armed struggle. We are not involved in it and we do not advocate it.

**Q:** Have you yet gone to the IRA for a ceasefire and if not, why not?

**A:** I don't think it's helpful for me to speculate about exactly where that is at this time.



## England party on, but it's over for Scotland

**D**EVILS' chairs and streams of tequila were forgotten and night and the only open mouths were swallowing humble pie by the bucket load in the press box as England thumped one of the Euro 96 favourites, Holland, 4-1. A late goal, however, robbed Scotland of a place in the quarter finals, in which England meet Spain at Wembley on Saturday.

"This is the most satisfying night of my reign," England coach Terry Venables said after the game. "Saturday was good but this is better. I can rest peacefully now. It's all the more satisfying because of the opposition. You simply don't expect that sort of result against that quality of opposition."

It was the finest Wembley performance from an England team for at least three years. In April 1993, Graham Taylor's England grabbed a 2-0 lead in a fine match, also against the Dutch, but eventually could only draw 2-2.

As Teddy Sheringham netted his second goal and England's fourth, only the 10,000 Dutch fans in the

stadium were as silent and disbelieving as a press corps that had given England's players a roasting after their first match, a 1-1 draw with Switzerland, and cautious congratulation after a somewhat fortunate 2-0 win over Scotland.

The three key figures were all newspaper mules barely a month ago, all under cruel spotlights before the tournament began.

Paul Gascoigne, who made the third and fourth goals and seemed to have thrown off the travails and misery of five years in which he has been written off more times than a 1976 Ford Capri, was

outstanding.

Alan Shearer, who came into the tournament lumbering under the weight of a long goal-scoring drought, was unshackled by another two goals yesterday, the first from the penalty spot, which made him the tournament's leading goalscorer.

And Teddy Sheringham, the image of whose ripped, sodden shirt and glazed eyes captured in a Hong Kong nightclub barely a week before the tournament began, left a prettier picture in the mind with another two goals that confirmed a rout and sent all the English supporters at

Wembley wild with joy.

Venables could be forgiven a furive gloating glance behind him at the critics he feels have stabbed the team in the back, who were forced to acknowledge a stunning performance.

Two years of increasingly harsh criticism, of exposés of his business dealings and increasing vitriol about his management of the team had left Venables looking weary and wanting a way out. However, he was not hurrying to any exits at Wembley last night, but lingering to bask in the glory.

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# Sketch Loyal hooligans fan Major's ire



Simon Hoggart

THE centre of London was full of Dutch football hooligans yesterday. They had the right accoutrements: flags painted on their faces, silly orange hats, orange t-shirts barely covering vast white bellies as they swilled Heinekens (I suppose that's their equivalent of Watney's Red Barrel) and chanted their Lowlander chants.

But, to be frank, they weren't real hooligans. They were hooligans who were careful not to block the pavement, who put their McDonald's boxes in bins, and would only kick the heads off tulips if they'd bought them first.

I was reminded of this in the House of Commons, at Prime Minister's Question Time. MPs would like to be world-class hooligans, but they haven't quite got it. They give the impression of having learned hooliganism from a mail-order course.

Even Michael Neubert, as loyal a Tory as ever bent a knee (no — to stroke the Prime Minister with well-polished wing tips; he was a Dutch-style hooligan, after all) during a tribute to the late Fitzroy Maclean. Sir Fitzroy, he said, was a soldier, diplomat, MP and patriot. "With an enviable gift for getting out of tight corners", he added to Labour delight.

The first hooligan, armed with a toy "Junior Yobbo" Stanley knife, was Mr Roger Berry (Lab, Kingswood). Was the Prime Minister aware that he had spoken for the nation last Friday when he said that he had had a "bellyful of the Tory Party"?

Mild though it was, this barb got a hearty laugh (even, *sotto voce* from a few Tories). It is Mr Major's habit, at such times, to pause for a while — as if he were preparing a lethal reply — and then produce a clunker.

"I have to say that his quote is inaccurate," he began. (Technically, this is true. What he'd had a bellyful of was the "noises" being made by rivals in the party.)

Then came what was meant to be the killer boot in the groin: "But it could certainly be applied to questions like this."

Oh, well. As the great impresario Florenz Ziegfeld used to say: "Next!"

Then an MP — hitherto unknown to me — asked a question so greasy, so dripping with unctuous, smelly cod liver oil, that we can expect to see him in the Government's in the next reshuffle.

Mr Peter Ainsworth (C, Surrey E) actually suggested that more and more people in Germany now envied the British economy, with its "low inflation, stable growth, flexible labour markets and full employment".

The main reason for those blessings is that skilled British workers can now earn a salary which would be rejected by a German toilet attendant, and MPs on all sides know this very well.

Which is why Labour MPs jeered with cheerful cynicism, and why many Tory MPs had the grace to look embarrassed by Mr Ainsworth's vat of molten lard. But causing nausea in your own side is exactly what the whips are looking for, and I know he will go far.

Then we had a fine new Majorism. I wish I could reproduce for you the outraged, plangent, piping tone in which it was delivered. If you happen to be reading this at around 8.46am, why not tune to Radio 4, and chant along with him during Yesterday in Parliament?

He had been asked about the attack on the Government made on Monday's Panorama, and he replied imperiously: "Of course, I didn't waste my time watching Panorama! I've been busy watching the things to do with my time than waste it watching nonsense from Panorama!"

(Perhaps he was watching the new George Cole series on ITV at the same time, about a politician "who reckons without the helplessness of his fellow politicians".)

Not a good day for the PM. If I were him, I would have pulled on an orange fright-wig and so slipped away unnoticed in the crowds.



Flight of fancy amid traditional toppers on the first day of Royal Ascot yesterday. The Queen Mother, aged 95, attended Sport, page 24 PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

# Britain's 'trade in terror'

## Government allows exports of weapons for torture, says Amnesty report

Maggie O'Kane

THE British Government is "trading in terror" by allowing the export of torture equipment, according to Amnesty International.

Britain is one of only six countries — including China and Russia — which are "organising the export of military and security equipment to regimes that kill and torture their victims", the pressure group says.

In its annual report, released today, Amnesty says British companies have organised the supply of electric shock equipment to countries where it is used for torture.

Amnesty's investigator, James Wood, says he believes the Government is turning a blind eye to British companies trading in torture on the international market and specialising in human electric shock weapons.

Mr Wood claimed that British companies were playing a "significant part" in the supply of electric torture weapons to some 40 countries around the world. He alleged that five British companies have been engaged in the torture trade.

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la, Mexico and Indonesia — are known to use electric shocks for torture.

Amnesty's report also criticises the British government for allowing armoured patrol vehicles to be supplied to the Indonesian government, which has a record of suppression in East Timor; supplying rubber bullets and tear gas to the Nigerian government; and allowing military spare parts to be supplied to the Turkish government —



A letter from SDMS confirming orders for electric shock batons, and (right) a Frettilin guerrilla patrol in East Timor

Amnesty says, no action has been taken against at least two British companies, one in Scotland and one in England, where electric shock weapons were seized early last year after an exposé by Channel 4's Dispatches programme.

Amnesty has also accused the Department of Trade and Industry of refusing to reveal what trading licences it has issued to British companies to allow them to get involved in the international supply of electric shock weapons.

"We don't know who is being supplied with these weapons and the DTI won't tell us who is making them. If we were talking about drug money the police would be down on them like a ton of bricks," Mr Wood said.

The DTI said last night that it deplored the use of torture, but did not comment on the issue of licences for commercial reasons.

As well as Britain, the Amnesty report names the United States, Germany, Russia, China and France. It concludes that "responsibility for human rights abuses does not lie only with those who pull the trigger or apply the electric shock... it also lies with those who supply the weapons and the training needed to use them."

Amnesty claims at least 10,000 detainees were tortured, raped or ill-treated last year, in 114 countries, including Yugoslavia, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico and Sudan. The report found that more than 4,600 people died as a result of torture or inhuman prison conditions in 64 countries including Egypt, Kenya, Burma and Turkey.

# Review Dean's icy blast of love and life

Judith Mackrell

CHRISTOPHER DEAN had never made a ballet before but he is Britain's most famous choreographer and, whatever artistic risk the English National Ballet might have taken in commissioning his work Encounters, the bank must surely have cheered them on.

Given that the piece is autobiographical and that it's set to classic songs by Paul Simon, surely his move from ice to stage could not fail.

The opening section, set to a recording of "The Sound of Silence" and with Dean reincarnated as the dancer Thomas Edur, looks good. Trapped by an ice-blue spotlight and the swelling of an invisible audience's cheers, Edur is potently credible as Dean the vulnerable star. He possesses greatness of his own, plus he can look anguished without appearing self-pitying. The ballet is probably unthinkable without him.

All the other characters in Dean's life then come on and dance (parents, stepmother, two wives, and of course Jayne Torvill) and you see at a glance how successfully Dean has replicated the wozzy lifts and turns that make ice dance so seductive. The bodies dip and soar around each other.

His problem is that dancers need steps to get from one climax to another, they can't just glide across unresisting ice, and Dean has too small a vocabulary of floor-bound moves to develop his choreography interestingly. He rarely uses the dancers' feet.

He also misreads the fact that effects which can be written large in a skating rink feel monstrously crude on stage, like Edur meeting his mother, after a long absence, to the lyrics of Mother and Child Reunion.

The duet for him and Jayne is lovely, light, unabashed pleasure, and the number 50 Ways to Leave Your Lover, which shows his first wife insisting herself into his life and then getting sorted by Agnes Oakes as a radiantly bitchy wife no. 2, is downright funny. The audience loved every minute.

In Patrick Lewis' Unrequited Moments, Lisa Pavane dances with Dmitri Grudzev while wishing she could dance with Greg Horsman. He's unfortunately already dancing with Monica Perego. Pavane sends smouldering glances his way while trying to dodge Grudzev's kisses.

Lewis makes fluent, spacious dance out of all this but the politeness of the work is deadly. He cites MacMillan as his inspiration, but MacMillan knew that to portray love and obsession you had to dance dirty.

This review appeared in some editions yesterday.

# Firms rescue Millennium party

## Bottomley gives go-ahead to £500m Greenwich exhibition

Dan Glaister and David Hencke

2144 million. Companies thought to have pledged support include Amec, BT, BAA, BE, British Aerospace and BSi.

Mrs Bottomley said Robert Ayling, chief executive of British Airways, would be made chairman of a new company which will run the exhibition.

London First, a private consortium formed to promote the capital, welcomed the decision to go ahead with the exhibition. "It is a great day for London," said chief executive Stephen O'Brien. "London can now plan to lead the world's Millennium celebrations."

But Labour's Heritage spokesman Jack Cunningham criticised the Government for its handling of the project. "The Government's approach to the exhibition has been slow, confused, and less effective than it should have been," he said. "The Government has left the organisers

short of time and money."

The Greenwich scheme ran into problems when the private sector showed reluctance to come up with the required funding of £150 million to match the Millennium Commission's contribution.

In February, Sir Peter Levene was appointed to encourage industry to contribute to the scheme. But it emerged last month that no significant pledges of support had been received.

Deputy prime minister Michael Heseltine became involved and a series of meetings with leading corporations were arranged.

Earlier yesterday, a row broke out over allegations that businessmen had been given the impression that they could obtain peerages with donations to the Greenwich exhibition fund.

A parliamentary motion tabled by Labour's Ken Purchase and John Speller called on the Government to ensure that it is made clear that awards of peerages are "the sole prerogative of the Queen".

They express alarm over reports "that a link may exist in the minds of certain captains of industry between personal or corporate donations of £5 million or more towards reviving the Greenwich Millennium bid and the future award of a peerage."

Mr Purchase said Labour had received a series of leaks of the talks between Mr Heseltine and disgruntled businessmen who were furious that their arms were being twisted. Mr Heseltine is reported to have told them that it was nothing to do with investment but merely "an act of faith" to put up the £150 million.

Mr Heseltine said of the allegation: "I would not dignify it with a response."

Industry leaders had criticised a lack of detailed plans for the Greenwich celebration, but it is thought that the scale of the commitment may have put them off. It was originally hoped that 12 private sponsors would each back one of the 12 pavilions in the exhibition. These are to be arranged in the form of a clock face, each one representing a different aspect of time.

# Murder victim found buried at house rented by Nacro

Stephen Lyle and Duncan Campbell

POLICE in Cheshire yesterday began tracing ex-prisoners who have used a house in Warrington where the body of a man has been discovered buried under floorboards. Excavations of the garden are being carried out.

The dead man, who has not been identified, was found wrapped in a plastic sheet in a house rented by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

Post-mortem examination revealed that he was stabbed in the chest. Police believe he was buried three months ago. His body was discovered after a cleaner employed by Nacro reported a smell to council health officials.

The house has been used by ex-offenders since last year. Police have visited it on a number of occasions, although mainly in connection with noise complaints.

Detective Chief Inspector Frank Ball, who is heading the murder inquiry, said yesterday that Cheshire police were trying to establish the dead man's identity. He is described as being 35-45 years old, about 10 stone and with curly brown hair starting to go grey. Police want to trace everyone who has lived in or visited the house in the past 18 months. "We understand the house was last occupied about four weeks ago," said Mr Ball.

Cheshire police have not ruled out the possibility of finding further bodies in the house and have begun a thorough search of the property.

The owner of the house, who did not wish to be named, said yesterday that he was not told that his property, in a quiet cul-de-sac in the Bewsey area, would be used to house former prison inmates and believed it had been rented for homeless people.

"I specifically asked if it was for jailbirds and they said no, so I wasn't very pleased when I found out what Nacro stood for. In the circumstances I wouldn't say I was exactly shocked or taken aback by what has happened," he said.

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DUNBLANE INQUIRY: Shadow Scottish Secretary argued with Hamilton after withdrawing son • 'Death blow' letter sent to Forsyth

# 'Hitler Youth' boys' club shocked MP

By David Colston

**T**HE shadow Scottish Secretary, George Robertson, yesterday told the inquiry into the Dunblane massacre how he removed his 10-year-old son from a boys' club run by Thomas Hamilton after becoming alarmed at its "Hitler Youth" image.

Mr Robertson, MP for Hamilton, who lives in Dunblane, said he had gone to a club session at the high school with another parent and was alarmed by the military atmosphere as they watched, unnoticed, for about 10 minutes. "I was struck very quickly by the bizarre nature of what

was happening inside the gymnasium," he told the Cullen inquiry. "There were large numbers of small boys in shorts being bossed around by two to three middle-aged men swaggering around in a very military type of way — a bit like the Hitler Youth, there was certainly a military element in that."

He told how he raised his concern with the man who is now his chief political opponent, Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary and MP for Stirling, where Hamilton lived. In his evidence, Mr Robertson pointedly refused to criticise Mr Forsyth for failing to take action after an informal discussion about Hamilton at Westminster. "I found myself in the same difficulty many other people had — it was dif-

ficult to put your finger on what people felt was wrong with Thomas Hamilton." Mr Robertson told the inquiry of the despair he and other parents felt when Hamilton won a ruling from the ombudsman that he had been unjustly treated when the Central Regional Council withdrew his lettings of school premises. Giving evidence to the inquiry yesterday, Mr Forsyth acknowledged that he had written to congratulate Hamilton on the Ombudsman's 1994 decision to overturn Central region's ban on his Dunblane let. However, he had passed on to the police and Central region's chief executive the worries of parents, in-

cluding Mr Robertson, about Hamilton's personality. Mr Forsyth told the inquiry that he had received a "vast volume" of correspondence from Hamilton from 1993 up to a month before the massacre, in which 16 children and their teacher were killed in the primary school's gym. Hamilton's handwritten final letter had an unusual "reassigned tone" to it, Mr Forsyth said. In it Hamilton complained that police inquiries into his boys' club activities had been a "death blow" to his reputation.

The Scottish Secretary said he had met Hamilton at the time three times, the first at his MP's surgery in 1993 when Hamilton criticised Central region's decision to cancel his let at Dunblane High School. Hamilton had initially struck him as "very plausible" — there was nothing about him which would have led him to conclude he was capable of what he did," Mr Forsyth said. Mr Forsyth said the correspondence concerned Hamilton's battle with officialdom, what he claimed was a whispering campaign against him, and about a Central Scotland police investigation of him. The final letter was different, however. While still claiming he had been victimised by the police and jealous Scout leaders, Hamilton appeared to indicate he was

"giving up on the fight," Mr Forsyth said. In the letter, Hamilton said that he understood senior police officers were satisfied that there was nothing unhealthy about his motives in establishing sports clubs. He added: "However, I have been unable to recover from the very serious damage caused by Central Scotland police which has compounded the very difficult situation which already existed." He went on: "The long-term effect of such has been a death blow to my already difficult work in providing sports and leisure activities to local children, as well as my public standing in the community." The inquiry continues.



George Robertson: 'bizarre military atmosphere'



William Holden, the Hollywood legend with whom America's most exalted First Lady allegedly had a liaison in 1956

## Jackie O 'had affair to punish JFK'

lan Katz on a book which says the First Lady hit back at her faithless husband



Audrey Hepburn, Sophia Loren and Lee Remick: on the president's long list of conquests

**F**IRST they sold her furniture. Now they are selling her secrets. According to a new book on the Kennedy marriage, Jackie Onassis took revenge for her husband's serial infidelity by having an affair of her own with the Hollywood legend, William Holden.

Through John F Kennedy was notorious for his philandering, the saintly image of America's most exalted First Lady has only been besmirched by suggestions of a discreet affair with the lawyer and Kennedy administration official, Roswell Gilpatric.

But in Jack and Jackie: Portrait of an American Marriage, the writer and Kennedy confidant, Gore Vidal, says she embarked on "a brief affair" with the actor as her husband worked his way through the bedrooms of Hollywood's leading ladies.

Written by Christopher Andersen, a former People magazine journalist who penned unauthorised biographies of Madonna and Michael Jackson, the latest addition to the Camelot oeuvre also adds the names of Audrey Hepburn, Sophia Loren and Lee Remick to the glittering — and lengthy — roll of JFK's conquests.

According to Mr Andersen, Kennedy, then a young senator, was infatuated with Hepburn even as he courted his future wife. "Hepburn was for a brief time the most serious competition that Jackie faced," Mr Andersen told the Guardian. "It makes perfect sense if you look at it now. She had the same sense of style and sophistication."

Even after marrying Jackie in 1953, the book claims, JFK continued to have "intimate get-togethers and room service dinners for two" with the actress at his suite in Washington's Mayflower Hotel where Remick and the stripper Tempest Storm were also occasional guests.

According to Mr Andersen, Kennedy's relentless womanising was driven by the aphrodisiac side-effects of the cocktail of steroids and amphetamines which he took to combat his chronic back pain and boost his energy.

Despite his efforts to keep his sexual exploits quiet, Jackie Kennedy had a good idea of what her husband was up to, according to Andersen. Once she found a pair of panties in their bedroom and asked him if he would "please step around and see who these belong to".

**Becoming grandparents meant a lot to my mother and father. They both came from highly competitive families, and late in life the competition was grandchildren.**

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## Kingmaker throws in his lot with 'corrupt' Yeltsin

David Hearst and James Meek in Moscow

**A**LLEXANDER LEBED, the former army general catapulted to the political centre stage by the first round of voting in the Russian presidential elections, threw in his lot with Boris Yeltsin yesterday by accepting the posts of secretary to the National Security Council, and presidential national security adviser.

A month after calling the government corrupt and ineffective, Mr Lebed appeared side by side with Mr Yeltsin, being presented to the cameras as the president's political heir.

Mr Yeltsin said: "This is not simply an appointment. This is a unification of two programmes. All those who voted for Alexander Ivanovich [Lebed] have given an order to the president to fulfil the good things they have seen in the programme of Alexander Ivanovich."

Mr Lebed met journalists yesterday in an elite government hotel and promised to fight lawlessness by "exclusively civilised methods". "I today we have freedom without order, there are those who propose order without freedom. I want both freedom and order," he said.

**This is not simply an appointment. This is a unification of two politicians'**

approval from the president to give the security council a decisive role in senior personnel appointments in other security ministries — the defence and interior ministries and the FSB (which replaced the KGB).

He claimed he had swung into order-restoring action almost immediately, quelling mutinous rumbles among senior officers about Gen Grachev's abrupt departure. "Circles close to the defence minister tried to organise [coup] number 3 and began the appropriate agitation around the headquarters of

the Moscow military district and among airborne forces. Complete loyalty was displayed and I know for certain there will be no trouble."

He added later: "It wasn't a coup, it was an attempt to put pressure on the president."

Mr Yeltsin let slip that the deal with Mr Lebed had been prepared before the elections well in advance.

Although there had been no direct financing of Mr Lebed's campaign, he said, the Yeltsin camp had helped get him air time and newspaper space.

"Usually, to get on a prime-time television show takes a lot of money or good connections. The same is true in many of the major national newspapers. If you want to place an article, there's a certain procedure ... these things don't happen automatically. In that respect there's a lot of co-operation between Lebed and Yeltsin."

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# Blackmailer threatened to infest store with fleas Transsexual jailed over Harrods plot

Duncan Campbell  
Crime Correspondent

**A** TRANSSEXUAL who attempted to blackmail Harrods for £5 million by threatening to put mice in its food and fleas in the clothes department was yesterday jailed for eight years at the Old Bailey. She had claimed she was working with a gang run by former police and customs officers.

Lydie Banot, aged 41, from Malta, was convicted of three separate offences of demanding money with menaces from Harrods in November and December last year. No money was paid and none of her threats was carried out.

Judge Giles Forrester said that, although Banot had pleaded guilty, had psychological problems and had not been part of a gang, he had to impose a heavy custodial sentence so that others were discouraged from similar attempts which could have "catastrophic" effects.

Outside the court, a friend of Banot, Richard Killen, described the sentence as "ridiculous" and said she needed "help not imprisonment". She was taken to Holloway women's prison.

Banot was born a man, Mario Kerr, in Malta. As a child she preferred the company of girls to boys. She had realised from a young age, the court heard, that she was a woman trapped in a man's body and was suffering from "gender identity disorder". She came to England in her teens and married an English woman, which gave her residence here.

In 1982, she had gone to an independent electrolysis clinic within Harrods to have facial hair removed. Claiming she



Lydie Banot... was jailed at the Old Bailey yesterday

suffered scarring as a result, she sued the firm which denied liability but eventually agreed to a payment of £1,250 in settlement. In 1993, after being left money by a relative, Banot went to Switzerland to have a sex change operation. But the surgery was unsuccessful and she suffered great pain and required two further operations.

In November last year, the owner of Harrods, Mohammed al-Fayed, received a demand for £5 million with a threat that merchandise at the building would be sabotaged. Harrods was told to place an advertisement in the Evening Standard signed "Nanny" as a sign of their willingness to negotiate.

Harrods's head of security, John Macnamara, a former fraud squad superintendent, handled the operation with specialist officers headed by Detective Superintendent Jeffrey Rees. A covert surveillance operation was mounted.

Further letters demanding £2 million and with details of how the money should be paid into a Swiss bank account were made, accompanied by threats of poisoning

food, letting rodents loose and putting fleas in the clothes department. After another advertisement had been placed, Banot telephoned the store using the code name "Bijou". She claimed to be the go-between for a group of undercover special patrol group and customs officers. No such gang existed.

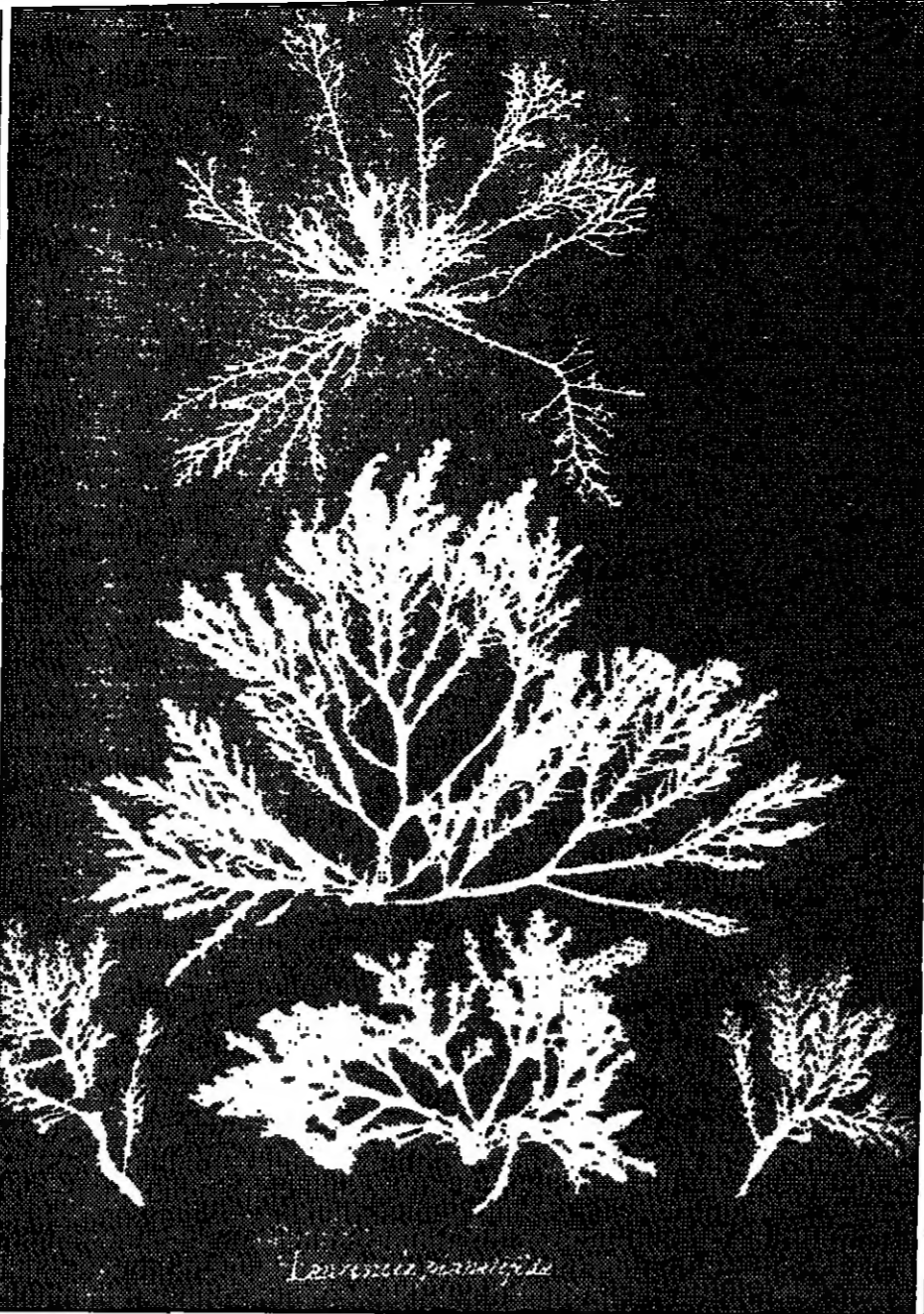
She agreed to meet Mr Macnamara in the Dorchester Hotel and eventually gave him her home telephone number. Mr Macnamara said he wanted to meet the "organ grinder not the monkey" and she arranged for Mr Killen, aged 47, to telephone, intending that he should pretend to be part of the gang.

But Mr Killen refused to go along with the plan and told the police there was no gang and no threat to Harrods. He explained that Banot had mental problems. Mr Killen was initially arrested and charged with Banot but no evidence was offered against him yesterday.

Defence counsel Shani Barnes said her client had been in a physically and psychologically low state at the time of the demands and once she had started felt as though she was on a "runaway train".

After the hearing, a Harrods spokesman said: "We never submit to blackmail."

Mr Killen said that he was surprised Harrods and the police had not realised it was merely a "childish, amateurish blackmail attempt" made by someone who was ill.



One of the 424 images of seaweeds reproduced in the volumes by the cyanotype process

## Rare book by woman pioneer goes to auction



Anna Atkins: 'Receiving the recognition she deserves'

**A** LANDMARK book in the history of photography has been discovered in the little-known library of Eton College natural history museum.

Next week, the three-volume Photographs of British Algae, produced between 1843 and 1853 by Anna Atkins, is expected to fetch up to £150,000 at auction.

The work — the first in the world to be printed and illustrated using a photographic process — was found by David Park, a manuscript specialist at Bonhams, the auction house. He was among a group invited to look around the small library.

He said yesterday: "My eye suddenly lit on the title on the spines of all three volumes and I took a look. To my astonishment there were these blue-printed photographs and I knew immediately what I had got. Nobody in the library knew it was there."

"They are certain it was not a donation, so therefore it is likely to have been a purchase, perhaps soon after the museum was set up in around 1855. "It is a major discovery. The work is incredibly rare

and it is extremely unlikely another will turn up." British Algae, with 424 images of British seaweeds in the characteristic deep Prussian blue of the cyanotype, a process which survives today as the architectural blueprint, was produced at Anna Atkins's home at Halstead Place, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

It was never put on sale and just a handful of copies were distributed privately to friends and acquaintances. The five other known surviving copies are all in institutions in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

This particular copy was made for Ann Bliss, sister of the antiquary and bibliographer, Philip Bliss. Atkins was born in 1799 into a family of scientists. She and her father, John Children, were friends of Sir John Herschel, inventor of the cyanotype process.

Mr Park said: "Anna Atkins was a plain little matronly lady... She has only lately received the recognition she deserves."

Proceeds from the sale on June 28 will go towards the modernisation of the museum.

## £10m a year for George Michael

Stuart Miller

**T**HE title of his latest album is Older, but figures published today suggest that George Michael should have chosen to call it Richer.

The former Wham! star is expected to earn £10 million this year from the album, easily beating Noel Gallagher of Oasis as Britain's biggest earning "young" music artist for 1996. The list of chart earners aged under 35, below, was compiled by accountants for Smash Hits, the teenage magazine.

"Older" is Michael's first album for six years, but the 33-year-old is reported to be worth £45 million. His wealth has been amassed by controlling his recording and publication rights. He plays and sings solo on most of his records.

Unlike Michael, Gallagher, the songwriter behind Oasis, has never made

any secret of the scale of his earnings. He drives a classic chocolate brown Rolls Royce and enjoys boasting about his wealth on stage.

But he has a long way to go to catch up with Michael, being worth £7.6 million, thanks to music publishing royalties from the sale of seven million albums. That compares with the £1 million his vocalist brother, Liam, has accumulated in the past two years. Taken together, this year's earnings for the four members of Oasis would eclipse those of Michael.

Blur, Oasis's rivals in last summer's Britpop battle, only make fifth with group earnings of £5 million for the year on a million sales of their latest album.

Despite these earnings, the younger stars are not in the same league as music's senior citizens: Andrew Lloyd Webber, estimated to be worth £550 million, and Paul McCartney, estimated to be worth £420 million.

### Top of the pops

Artist	Earnings this year
George Michael	£10m
Noel Gallagher (Oasis)	£7.6m
Seal	£5.5m
Gary Barlow (Take That)	£5m
Blur	£5m
Tony Mortimer (East 17)	£4.75m
Dolores O'Riordan (The Corrs)	£4.5m
Bush	£4m
Eternal	£3m
M People	£3m

## Radio regulator fines rogue stations for flouting licences

Andrew Cuff  
Media Correspondent

**A** LOCAL radio station which played too little reggae and too much dance music incurred the wrath of the regulator yesterday.

The Radio Authority imposed fines totalling £9,000 on five operators in unprecedentedly severe crackdown on stations failing to adhere to their licence conditions. Choice FM, a service for an Afro-Caribbean audience in Birmingham, was fined £1,000 after a listener complained it had not played enough reggae and, while exceeding the limits of "house and garage" music it was permitted to broadcast.

In its ruling, the authority, which can revoke or shorten licences, said: "The authority felt the effect of this breach

was to move the station away from its original format of primary appeal to an Afro-Caribbean audience and closer to a youth-oriented dance format and this must be corrected."

A £1,000 fine was imposed on 2CR in Bourne-mouth because it had failed to play enough tracks released more than 15 years ago. Fortune 1458 in Manchester was fined £1,000 for not playing enough easy listening music. A station covering St Albans and Watford, 96.6FM Classic Hits, was fined £3,000 and sent a formal warning letter because it had not met its statutory requirement to supply tapes of its output. The central Scotland station Scot FM was also fined £3,000 after its abrasive phone-in presenter, Scottie McClue, breached taste and decency guidelines on his mid-morning show.

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Howard's scheme designed to show impact of crimes is labelled as 'inadequate'

# Victims get a say in trials of criminals

Alan Travis  
Home Affairs Editor

**V**ICTIMS of some of the most serious crimes are to be exempted from a new scheme unveiled by Michael Howard yesterday to ensure that courts are aware of the full physical and emotional effects of the attacks they suffer.

The introduction of detailed "impact statements" is intended to give victims the opportunity formally to explain the effect of what happened to them so it can be taken into account by the police, the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts before they decide how to deal with the alleged criminal.

Year-long pilot schemes are being launched in six police force areas in August to test the new scheme, which forms the centrepiece of a revised Victim's Charter published by the Government yesterday. They will be held in London, Merseyside, Lancashire, Hampshire, Bedfordshire and Sussex.

But the charity Victim Support criticised the package yesterday saying it excluded the families of murder and manslaughter victims as well as those who have suffered such persistent crimes such as stalking, racial harassment and most victims of domestic violence.

It is believed the Home Office has blocked the extension of the scheme to these categories of crime because of questions over the quality of evidence demanded by the courts. Evidence provided by the families of murder victims would open up a new argument about whether the impact on those indirectly affected by a crime should also be taken into account before a sentence was passed.

"We are very concerned that some of the most vulnerable victims are being excluded from these plans to improve the information they

receive and the opportunities to provide details about how crime has affected them. We believe no victim should be excluded," said Helen Reeves, director of Victim Support.

But David Maclean, the Home Office Minister, insisted the trials were valuable: "This is not going to give victims the right to change charges and the right to determine sentence. Victims don't want that and it would have grave dangers for the legal system," he said.

At present there was a danger the courts did not hear anything at all about the victim. "I trust the courts, the judges and the lawyers that if they hear a proper balanced, fair account of the impact on the victim, they will then take that into account and give it proper weight," Mr Maclean said.

Among the other measures included in the revised charter are a one-stop shop so that every victim of a crime "who opts in" will be told by the police if someone is caught, cautioned or charged and any other significant development in the case. The Probation Service will also tell a victim when someone sentenced to life imprisonment, or someone who has committed a serious sexual or violent crime, is to be released.

Whitehall's chief architect of criminal justice policy in the early 1990s yesterday warned that more severe sentences and harsher prison regimes will increase crime and not cut it. The warning from David Faulkner, the former Home Office deputy secretary, comes in a Howard League report published yesterday with an endorsement by the former Conservative prisons minister in Michael Howard's Home Office team, Sir Peter Lloyd.

Mr Faulkner says Parliament should enact a comprehensive criminal code which recognises that changes in the treatment of offenders can only have a marginal effect on the general level of crime.



Bernie Davis, who points to difficulties in getting information about the progress of the case. PHOTOGRAPH: JASON MITCHELL

# Forest rapist may have struck before

John Mullan

**P**OLICE in Hampshire were yesterday investigating links between the rape at gunpoint of a 16-year-old woman with a series of unsolved serious sexual offences in the county in the last five years.

Detectives were last night interviewing the woman, who was walking in a wooded beauty spot with her 28-year-old boyfriend when she was abducted. The attack happened during daylight. Officers were planning to take her back to Thicket Bottom in Havant Forest to help their search for evidence.

There have been four similar attacks at Farley Mount, another beauty spot, more than 30 miles away, since 1991. There were two rapes, two serious sexual assaults, and one robbery. A gunman preyed on courting couples in cars, abducting the woman. No one has been charged.

Detectives Chief Inspector Neil Kingman, leading the inquiry, said: "There are similarities, but we are not making a positive link with these attacks at the moment. We are keeping an open mind."

Police said they were hunting a "very dangerous" man. As well as having a gun, he was also brandishing a knife.

Detectives praised the woman's boyfriend for attempting to follow the pair into thick woodland, and raising the alarm as soon as he lost them.

The woman and her boyfriend had been walking in the woods on Monday evening when they were approached by the assailant. He was wearing a combat jacket, and is said to be about 6ft tall with dark hair, and in his twenties. He was walking in the opposite direction at first, but then he followed the couple, and threatened the boyfriend before making off with the woman.

The boyfriend followed, but, after losing them, ran to telephone the police. As they arrived, the woman ran crying towards them as the gunman made his escape.

Officers attempted to seal off the four square miles of woodland, and a spatter plane was brought in.

Armed police and tracker dogs joined the search. But the hunt was called off yesterday, with detectives conceding he had escaped.

One couple, near the same spot the previous evening, told police they had seen a man acting strangely. The woman said: "He was acting very furtively and he had no reason to be where he was, which was in scrubland."

# Sex abuse puts service 'at risk'

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

**T**HE Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, last night slapped down an ultimatum to local authority social services directors to improve their record of protecting children in their care.

If abuses of such children continued on the same scale, he declared, the resulting outcry would "put fundamentally at risk the roles and functions of the public authorities concerned."

The warning came as Mr Dorrell addressed a dinner celebrating the 25th anniversary of the first social services departments set up under the reforms proposed by Lord Seebom.

Speaking the day after he had set out the terms for a national review of safeguards of the welfare of children living away from home, Mr Dorrell said: "I must say candidly that if, during the next five or 10 years, it should become

evident that since 1991 the sexual and other abuse of children in the public care, or subject to public regulation, has not been prevented much more effectively than in the past, the public outcry will be on such a scale as to put fundamentally at risk the roles and functions of all the public authorities concerned."

Mr Dorrell told the dinner, held in London by the Association of Directors of Social Services, he did recognise that social services directors had "some of the more difficult and exposed jobs in public life".

The Government will today for the first time make cash grants specifically to help shift the focus of social services to a more preventive model of child protection. John Bowis, junior health minister, will announce £700,000 is being allocated this year under an initiative called Re-focusing Children's Services.

Norman Warner, page 9

# Mother tells of anguish that outlasts a life sentence

Alan Travis

**F**OR Bernie and John Davis the devastation caused by the manslaughter of their son, Jason, did not end when his killer was given a life sentence.

And dealing with the police investigation and prosecution had been an added ordeal.

"We were quite fortunate," says Mrs Davis. "We were able to have a chat with the prosecuting barrister about my son's life but it was not really about how the crime has affected us as a family."

Her 23-year-old son, a trainee supervisor at Salisbury's Homebase Living in Worcester, was killed when his assailant hit him eight times with a hammer in an unprovoked attack. The attacker also tried to rape Jason's girlfriend.

Although the case was made simpler by the fact that the attacker pleaded guilty to manslaughter, Jason's parents, who live outside Norwich, had a struggle to keep track of what was happening despite the fact that John Davis was a former police officer.

"We did have problems gleaming information ini-

tially," said Mrs Davis. "Information was not coming through particularly quickly and we had to keep contacting the Crown Prosecution Service for information. If you just sit back and let it all happen then there is information you just would not get told - for example on court dates."

"On one particular day of a hearing was changed within the space of two hours. We had a 200 mile trip to do because it happened in Worcester, not Norfolk. We could have had to travel that night for the next day's hearing."

She said that the idea of a "one-stop shop" was a

move in the right direction because the couple had had to ring the CPS, the listing officer at the court, the police and other agencies to find out what was going on.

She said it would have been worse if Jason's killer had pleaded not guilty, as the prosecuting counsel would not have been able to say anything about their son's life.

"It does seem strange to me to exclude the families of homicide victims. I think families should have the opportunity to try to explain to the court the devastation that it causes. It does not end on the day that sentence is passed."



Jason Davis: killed in unprovoked attack

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# Warders to help 'most violent' prisoner set record

Duncan Campbell  
Crime Correspondent

**T**HE man described as Britain's most violent prisoner, with more than 20 assaults on prison governors and officers, is today attempting to break a world record of strength and endurance - with the assistance of a team of prison officers.

Charles Bronson, aged 45, who changed his name from Mickey Peterson to that of the American actor, will try to beat the record for continuous medicine ball sit-ups. He will be assisted by four Belmarsh prison officers, who will act as throwers of the five kilo medicine ball, time keeper, judge and witness.

"I've trained hard for it," said Bronson in a letter. "I'm looking at over 1,000." He described the medicine ball as his "best pal" and says at 45 he is fitter than at 25.

Yesterday Belmarsh prison, in London, confirmed that Bronson was going for the world record in the secure unit where he is being held.

Bronson has spent more than 25 years in jail and is currently serving seven years for robbery. He is serving additional sentences for taking hostages in prison, and is regarded as so hard to handle that he has been moved more than 50 times in the past three years. Fellow prisoners say that he is being helped by prison staff at Belmarsh and given a "chance to settle". He has claimed he is being "driven mad" by all the transfers he has made between prisons over the years.

A book of his prison experiences, Concrete Coffin, will be published in September. He has also written an book warning young offenders that prison is a waste of time. He keeps fit by doing 2,000 push-ups a day.



Charles Bronson: trains with 2,000 push-ups a day.

# PCs tried to save dying fan as missiles flew

**F**OOTBALL hooligans continued to riot as police officers attempted to resuscitate a dying fan who had been attacked and who had then been run over by a coach, an inquest at Walsall, West Midlands, was told yesterday.

A rival supporter cradled Paul Nixon, a Crystal Palace supporter, as he lay dying while showers of bricks, stones and bottles rained down around them.

Mr Nixon, 35, of New Addington, near Croydon, Surrey, died after being struck by a house brick and falling under the rear wheels of the coach as he tried to escape. Trouble erupted as Manchester United fans clashed with their rivals an hour before the kick-off of the FA Cup Semi-Final tie between the teams at Villa Park, Birmingham, on April 5 last year.

Two coachloads of about 100 rival fans clashed after a

drinking session at the Fullbrook public house in Walsall. Witnesses likened the scene to street riots in Northern Ireland.

PC Andrew Bates said: "I have followed Manchester United since I was 12 years old and I was disgusted at what I saw. The United fans were behaving like animals. The United fans were stoning the Palace coach."

PC Robert Edwards, who desperately tried to resuscitate Mr Nixon, said: "In my 21 years of service I have never been so frightened. I tried to give Mr Nixon mouth-to-mouth as there was no pulse. There was still fighting and disturbances going on around me."

Neil Golden, 39, a United fan who had travelled with his 16-year-old son on the United coach from Irlam, Greater Manchester, said that some of the party had begun drinking at 9am that day and

had continued during the journey. He was commended for his bravery by the coroner, Aidan Cotter, after describing how he went to the aid of Mr Nixon despite having to run a gauntlet of missiles.

Mr Golden said: "I came out of the pub and all hell had broken loose. I couldn't believe it. The atmosphere in the pub had been good-humoured."

"I noticed the Palace coach pulling off to my left. Three people were trying to get on. One appeared to fall. I would say a bit of help. I saw the coach go over him and saw it bump. I just ran over there and tried to help."

As he knelt cradling Mr Nixon's head, the scene around him was "like a war zone" with injured and dazed supporters sitting around and the street littered with bones, bricks and broken glass. The hearing continues.

# Santer to reveal terms for lifting ban on British beef

Stephen Bates  
in Strasbourg

**J**ACQUES Santer, president of the European Commission, will announce Europe's additional terms for lifting the ban on British beef exports in a speech this morning to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

The Commission was meeting late last night to decide on what to tell Britain, only 48 hours before EU heads of government meet in Florence for the summit which John Major has pledged to disrupt unless there is a settlement which opens the prospect of an end to the ban.

The Government is coming under increasing pressure to lift the ban but knows that any proposals it accepts will be rejected out of hand by its backbench sceptics.

In Luxembourg today Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, will outline the Government's case against the ban before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. And in Brussels the EU's veterinary experts will vote on Britain's plans to eradicate mad cow disease.

The case Sir Nicholas will put forward appears from documents submitted to the court to be the most concilia-

tory to date from the Government. According to officials, the Government would accept a partial lifting of the ban if it failed to get it lifted immediately, and if that was not accepted by the judges, Britain would adopt anything deemed appropriate by the court.

It is expected that the Commission will require extra precautionary provisions to be satisfied at each stage before parts of the ban are lifted and that it will call for an increased cull of cattle at risk. It is expected that Britain will be required to provide additional scientific proof at every stage that its measures have been effective against BSE.

In London yesterday, Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Secretary, said on BBC radio that if agreement was not reached at the summit it would not be the end of the world.

Douglas Hogg, Agriculture Minister, told the Commons agriculture select committee that the Government remained opposed to an extension of the cull to animals born between 1989 and 1990 in herds which have had outbreaks of BSE. He estimated that 67,000 additional animals would have to be slaughtered, three times previous estimates. Because there were no records for that year the Government would have to rely on farmers' goodwill.

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# A general to alter the particulars

# Bosnia arms race fear as ban lifted

### Lebed may change Moscow's military stance - if Yeltsin gives him the rope, writes David Hearst

WITH the growing influence of Alexander Lebed now secretary of Russia's national security council, the country's battered, cash-starved and humiliated army has a powerful friend in court.

The dismissed defence minister, General Pavel Grachev, was more Mr Yeltsin's lapdog than an officer who stood up for his men.

In two years, spending on the army fell from \$26.5 billion to \$12 billion. The government is not even spending this year's reduced budget - it owes the army \$2.5 billion.

The army general staff seem relieved that Mikhail Kolesnikov, their head, is acting as defence minister. But the continuing fiasco of the 18-month campaign in Chechnya, the history of bungled army reforms, and the slump in army morale, all leave the fresh and confident General Lebed a huge task.

He was a good commander of what was politely called the 14th Army: in fact little more than a division guarding Slav separatists in Trans-Dniestr. The Russian armed forces, national security policy and the fight against organised crime amount to a command of a different scale.

Much will depend on what powers Gen Lebed really has. Neither of the two posts that he inherits, secretary of the security council and national security adviser, gives him

powerful bodyguard, and his close friend Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the federal security service, will be wary.

If Gen Lebed fails to get this position, it remains to be seen what his fate will be after the elections are over.

Gen Lebed wants Mr Yeltsin to sign on the dotted line now because, in a fortnight's time, when the elections are over, his purchasing power will have diminished.

He is only too aware of the dangers of being used as a booster rocket to put Boris in orbit, only to fall to earth himself as a spent force.

Assuming that Gen Lebed is not devoted by his new political partner, Mr Yeltsin, Russia's military doctrine and its foreign policy is about to make a further shift away from the West.

So far, Gen Lebed has been a pragmatic rather than aggressive opponent of the ex-

panation of Nato. On the eve of his election, he told a group of Western observers that if the taxpayers of the countries concerned wanted to spend their money on updating their armies to Nato standards, "Nato is free to enlarge itself".

However, he is opposed to anything that would bring Nato's military infrastructure closer to Russia's western borders, and he could easily change his position to suit the most anti-Western mood in his country.

Although an outright opponent of the war in Chechnya, Gen Lebed is unlikely to press for an immediate withdrawal of troops, and many suspect that once the elections are over Russia could be tempted to finish the war militarily.

Anton Surikov, of the Moscow Institute of Defence Studies and one of the authors of a radically tougher national

defence doctrine, said that Gen Lebed's programme was "90 per cent the same" as that of the institute.

He said the differences were a softer line on Nato and the fact that Gen Lebed might be constrained by his high post in openly voicing his objections to ratifying the Start II arms-limitation treaty while the United States was going ahead with its programme to develop an anti-ballistic missile defence system.

Dr Surikov said: "Lebed's appointment creates certain hopes in the army, like the realisation of military reform, more money and flats for officers, and increasing the state of military preparedness. But everything depends on whether he can fulfil his promises."

"The minimum he needs for this is a post of first deputy prime minister."

Europe (OSCE), the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav army will have to destroy a quarter of its tanks, artillery, helicopters, warplanes and other heavy equipment within 16 months.

The next biggest force, the Croatian army, will be kept more or less at the present level at 40 per cent of the new Yugoslav ceilings. The total forces in Bosnia will be the same as in Croatia, but split 2:1 between the Muslim-Croat Federation and the largely autonomous Serb Republic.

The Bosnian Serbs will face the most radical cuts in the region, leaving them with 500 artillery pieces and 137 tanks, nearly halving their present force. The poorly-armed federation would have to acquire significant amounts of new equipment to reach its new ceilings of 273 tanks and 1,000 pieces of artillery.



Fashion shot... A woman on her way to market passes a bullet-pocked wall in Grozny, the capital of war-ravaged Chechnya. As part of several measures to end the 18-month conflict backed by President Boris Yeltsin, Russian troops were due yesterday or today to withdraw from the southern separatist stronghold of Vedeno. PHOTOGRAPH: ROBERT KING

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

THE arms embargo on the countries of former Yugoslavia, one of the most controversial Western policies during the Balkan conflict, was lifted yesterday, paving the way for the American-led rearmament of Bosnia.

The United Nations secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, formally ended the blockade on heavy weapons imports when he forwarded a report on Balkan arms control to the UN security council.

Officials in New York said the security council and the UN sanctions committee had approved the suspension of the embargo. The joint Nato and Western European Union naval force enforcing the blockade in the Adriatic is expected to stand down in the next few days.

The shuffling of papers at UN headquarters was a mandate for a measure which bitterly divided the Nato allies during the war.

Britain and France strongly supported the sanctions, arguing that they helped to quarantine the conflict, but most United States policymakers believed the embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian army left it defenceless against an overwhelmingly superior Serb force.

The US agreed to the embargo to prevent an open rift in the alliance, but Washington recently admitted having turned a blind eye to Iranian arms supplies which were smuggled through Croatia to the Bosnian army in 1994 and 1995.

The end of the sanctions will allow for the equalising of the opposing forces in Bosnia with arms supplied from the US and the Middle East, but Nato is determined that it should not lead to an uncontrolled arms race.

The Nato-led peace implementation force (I-For) says it will monitor all weapons imports and ensure they comply with the regional arms agreement signed in Florence last Friday, which envisages deep cuts in Serb armouries.

Under the agreement, brokered by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in

## Longest day takes fatal toll on Finns

THE bonfires are built, the saunas in lakeside cabins are stoked, and the beers and the vodka lie waiting. The Finns, as they do each midsummer, will have one hell of a good party this weekend - so good that about 30 will probably die in the process.

"Last year it was 27," said Petri Leppanen of the national safety board.

"Fourteen drowned, six died in road accidents, two were suicides, a family of three burned to death in their cottage, a woman walked in front of a train and a Swede jumped off a ferry to rescue his mobile phone. Plus a few stabwounds. But it was a wet weekend - that helped."

To celebrate the summer solstice, the longest day of their short but fierce summer, Finns will take to their retreats on Friday for a three-day frenzy of drinking and dancing.

"From now on, the days start getting shorter," said Sari Uhtonen, aged 26, a student who in the past six years has lost an uncle and two classmates to this annual bout of midsummer madness. "People want to celebrate while they can."

Finns would be the first to admit their fatal attraction to hard liquor lies behind most midsummer deaths, but psychologists suggest that after nine months of freezing winter gloom, the bright Nordic summer can be traumatic.

In the Arctic north the longest summer day lasts seven weeks, and even in the south it is never really dark.

"The contrast with winter is so extreme that sometimes people lose their grip," said Juha-Pekka Korkeala of the university of Tampere in central Finland. "Nature is in overdrive, it's hard to sleep, you feel you're capable of anything."

As police and rescue services gear up for their busiest weekend of the year, Ms Uhtonen was fatalistic: "Midsummer is a tragedy for families, but it's a truly Finnish way to go."

### World news in brief

#### Senate Whitewater inquiry issues conflicting reports

THE United States Senate special committee of inquiry into Whitewater yesterday produced two conflicting and partisan reports, in which the Republicans detected "a systematic abuse of power" by the president and Hillary Clinton, while the Democrats cleared both of all criminal or ethical charges, writes Martin Walker in Washington.

The 10 Republicans on the committee, including its chairman, Senator Alfonse D'Amato, focused on Mrs Clinton as the common link between the original property venture in Arkansas and what they say were cover-ups in Washington.

The widely-leaked 775-page Republican report, with its non-binding recommendation of perjury charges against three of Mrs Clinton's closest advisers, came up with no clear offences and, by the Republicans' own admission, no "smoking gun".

In their separate 344-page report, the eight Democrats concluded: "The venom with which the majority focuses its attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton is surprising, even in the context of the investigation."

They also accused the Republican members of the committee of stretching the evidence to smear Mrs Clinton.

#### Samoans losing battle of bulge

MOST Western Samoans are obese and risk heart disease if trends in their diet continue, an American study has found.

A survey of islanders aged between 25 and 50 concluded that 78 per cent of women and 44 per cent of men ate too much.

Steven McCarvey of Brown University in Rhode Island, who conducted the study, blamed the ending of traditional diets and forms of exercise, and the transition from plantation to factory work.

Fried turkey tails, chicken backs and mutton flaps imported from New Zealand are among the islanders' favourite delicacies. - Reuter.

#### Black churches get \$1m offer

The rightwing Christian Coalition in the United States offered to raise \$1 million (\$245,000) for black churches yesterday, after arson attacks destroyed 35 of them in 18 months, writes Jonathan Freedland in Washington.

The offer came at a summit boycotted by many black leaders, who say the coalition has fostered racial hostility. Two more churches were burnt in Mississippi on Monday night.

#### Volcanic hazard

Thick clouds of ash from New Zealand's erupting volcano Mount Ruapehu forced five airports in the region to close yesterday. - AP.

#### Haiti fugitive freed in US

THE head of Haiti's paramilitary units has been released from a detention centre in Maryland where he had been held more than a year, but United States officials say he will still be deported.

Emmanuel Constant was released on Friday in exchange for dropping a civil suit that maintained his detention in the US was unconstitutional, said his attorney, Susan Bryant.

Mr Constant, who has admitted working for the CIA and fled murder charges in Haiti, has claimed his life would be in danger at home. "He's here by the agreement of the Department of Justice," Ms Bryant said. - Reuter.

#### Boat turned away

A boat carrying 450 Liberian refugees arrived back in Monrovia yesterday after neighbouring countries refused to accept the Zolotitsa's passengers, who had spent 22 days at sea. - AP.

#### Stiff deterrent

Burglars who raided an impotence clinic in Melbourne last weekend may have stolen drugs that cause five-day erections, Australian police said. "We are looking for someone who is very embarrassed or very tired," a police spokesman said. - Reuter.

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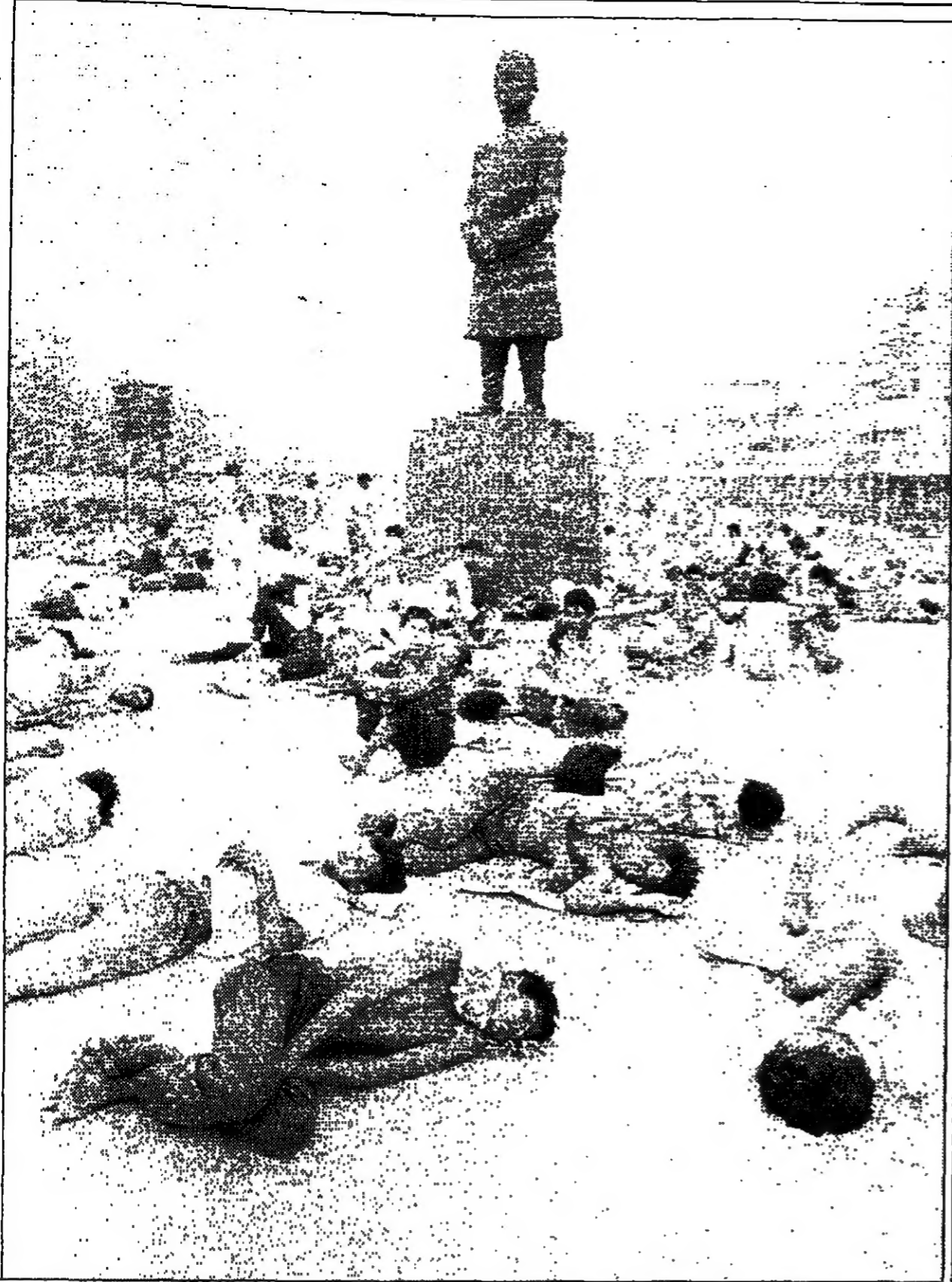
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Rough justice... Homeless Indians sleep out in the open in a New Delhi square early yesterday morning. Two out of five people live in absolute poverty in India — home to a sixth of the world's population

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## Congress plays politics with UN job

Questions about Boutros-Ghali's future are designed to embarrass the president, writes **Barbara Crossette** in New York

TAKEING advantage of the Clinton administration's indecision over whether to support Boutros Boutros-Ghali for a second term as United Nations secretary-general, Republicans in Congress want to bring the issue into the American presidential campaign, where Bob Dole has already made UN-bashing a popular sport. Several members of Congress say they will try to force President Clinton's hand, and pressures are building at the UN as foreign diplomats express concern over the lack of any signal from the White House about where it stands. Mr Boutros-Ghali's five-year term ends in December. Mr Dole, the Republican presidential candidate, has made the secretary-general a symbol of foreign interference. He says in almost every speech that if he were ever to send US soldiers anywhere, "I will be in charge of making that decision, not

Boutros Boutros-Ghali." Making fun of the secretary-general's name guarantees a laugh and a cheer. Mr Clinton can hardly defend the secretary-general in the current climate without some political damage. But he is also said to be reluctant to have to choose another candidate and sell her or him to the world. Either way, the administration wants to avoid giving Mr Dole the opportunity "to hang the secretary-general around our necks", in one official's words. Some congressional critics see the future of the secretary-general not just as a political issue to be exploited, but rather as a symbol of a larger problem of swiftly deteriorating relations between the US and the world organisation. Senator Jesse Helms, the Republican chairman of the Senate foreign relations

committee, and others say Mr Boutros-Ghali is incapable of making radical changes in an organisation that they regard as unwieldy and inefficient. "The United Nations needs new energy, new leadership, new direction," said Lee Hamilton, a Democratic representative and a member of the House international relations committee. Last week in the Senate, the Republican Larry Pressler described the Egyptian-born Mr Boutros-Ghali as someone drawn from the world of career diplomats who "train for the grand world of treaties and receiving lines, not the grubby world of balance sheets and bottom lines." Polls give mixed information about Americans' views on the UN. Some show much broader support than politicians believe exists, while surveys and focus groups that test opinions for candidates often reveal a negative attitude toward international organisations if national sovereignty is thought to be at risk. On balance, voters do not see the UN as a campaign issue at this point, says Mark Mellman, a poll-taker and

Democratic strategist. "Politically, it could hardly be a lower priority," he said. "The only reason that any American knows Boutros Boutros-Ghali is because people make fun of his name." But time is running out. Diplomats say that in the absence of a clear signal from Washington, Mr Boutros-Ghali has been on the road, building up solid support in Asia and Africa, and has the firm backing of France, which demands a French-speaker at the head of the UN. Among the other permanent members of the UN security council, where the decision is made, Russia is thought to be leaning towards the incumbent, China threatens to veto almost anyone else — particularly Europeans — and the British have no strong objections or other candidates. In Washington, officials and members of Congress remember that Mr Boutros-Ghali told Americans at the start of his term in 1992 that he was a one-term secretary-general. Some would like to hold him to that pledge. — New York Times.

## Bruised Iran turns flak on West

lan Black  
Diplomatic Editor

VERBAL sparks are flying again between Iran and the West after accusations that Tehran has been behind unrest in the Gulf and as stringent new United States trade sanctions come into force to weaken the Islamic regime. In a letter to the United Nations, Tehran has complained that the US has been

violating its sovereignty and harassing its ships. Britain has also been attacked for blaming Iran for supporting terrorism and backing a coup attempt in Bahrain. Iran said that in January a US ship and aircraft locked their radars on an Iranian battleship, and in February an Iranian helicopter was forced to return to an oil platform after warnings by US vessels. Under its policy of "dual containment" of Iran and Iraq, the US maintains size-

able naval forces in the Gulf to secure free passage for world oil supplies. Britain keeps the two-ship Armilla patrol mainly to enforce the UN embargo against Iraq. Tehran is thought to be reacting to accusations about its role in the reported coup against the Bahraini government, and to a US-Israeli campaign to highlight Iran's nuclear ambitions and links with radical Islamist and Arab groups opposed to the Middle East peace process. "They are pretty bruised and feel there is a campaign building up against them," said one Western diplomat. Iran is a key supporter of the Lebanese organisation Hizbullah, whose rocket attacks on Israel provoked April's Grapes of Wrath retaliation.

Jeremy Hanley, the Foreign Office minister, said in Manama on Monday: "Iran has been guilty of sponsoring terrorism abroad... particularly to try to stir up difficulties here in the Gulf where stability is important." Iran denied the charges and offered to mediate between Bahrain's government and its Shi'ite opponents, who have waged an 18-month campaign of bombings to demand political and economic reform. The US banned American firms from dealing with Iran in 1995. Further trade sanctions are expected after a House of Representatives committee this week approved a bill targeting companies from other countries investing in Iran and Libya.

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Jobs row leaves party divided as Netanyahu bows to pressure

## Likud revolt wins Sharon a special cabinet post

Shayam Bhatia in Jerusalem

GENERAL Ariel Sharon, the powerful Likud hardliner, accepted a top post in Binyamin Netanyahu's government last night, but party divisions revealed by a simmering row over cabinet posts are unlikely to go away. Gen Sharon's acceptance of a specially created national infrastructure portfolio came after the foreign minister-designate, David Levy, boycotted the opening session of the Knesset because his friend had not been offered a sufficiently senior position. The Knesset later endorsed Mr Netanyahu's cabinet list. As the prime minister presented his government's policies to the 120-member parliament yesterday, Mr Levy, a leader of Israel's Moroccan Jewish community and a former foreign minister, stayed in his office. He and Gen Sharon, a former minister of defence, had a secret meeting in which they agreed to support each other in making

their respective claims to senior cabinet positions. Mr Netanyahu refused to give Gen Sharon either the defence or the finance ministry, thus provoking a mini-rebellion in the Likud. "The bulldozer Sharon — one of our best generals ever — has done it again," one of the newly elected Likud MPs said. "Sharon is a master of political manoeuvring; even the prime minister was not aware of the secret deal with David Levy. This is a slap in the face of Netanyahu." Gen Sharon watched the opening of parliament on television at his desert ranch near Beersheva in southern Israel. After addressing the Knesset, Mr Netanyahu rushed to Mr Levy's office for a half-hour meeting. Earlier in the day, all the signs had pointed to a quick resolution of the party crisis.

Two other Likud rebels, Dan Meridor and Benny Begin, caved in and accepted the finance and science portfolios respectively. "This is not a good start for the new prime minister," said the former Likud prime minister Yitzhak Shamir. "This crisis needs to be solved and it must be solved. I hope it will end soon." In his inaugural address, Mr Netanyahu called on Israel's Arab neighbours to resume peace talks without preconditions. "I appeal especially to our close neighbours, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, to Saudi King Fahd and to the rest of the Arab leaders, let us conduct direct negotiations to peace; negotiations that will lead the Middle East to an era of stability and prosperity, negotia-

tions without preconditions." He added: "I want to appeal today to our neighbours in the Palestinian Authority and to say that on the basis of maintaining security, we are willing to develop with you a real partnership of peace, good neighbourly relations and co-operation." But Mr Netanyahu, who will chair his first cabinet today, refrained from repeating provocative phrases in his government's published guidelines — described by many Arabs as a declaration of war. These include a veto on an independent Palestinian state and a blint No to the return of the Golan Heights to Syria. Nor did he talk about his government's promise to boost Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The United States secretary of state, Warren Christopher, who arrives in Israel on Monday, is expected to urge Mr Netanyahu to show maximum flexibility to save the peace process.

### The PM called on Arab states to resume peace talks without preconditions

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## Kenyan Asians fight back as politicians call for expulsion

With opposition leaders stirring up hatred, the minority is resisting being used as a pawn, reports **Greg Barrow** in Nairobi

THE minority Asian community in Kenya is preparing a robust defence of its role in the Kenyan society after an opposition leader called for the expulsion of corrupt Indian immigrants, alleging they had taken over the economy and were exploiting native Africans. The Asian community has had a low political profile, but the allegations have put senior community leaders on the offensive. Earlier this month, the Asian community published a four-page supplement in all the national newspapers to highlight the contribution of Indian freedom fighters and entrepreneurs in Kenyan history. "We have come to the stage where the very word, Asian, means something nasty,"

says Swaram Sodi, the chairman of the Eastern Action Club for Africa which raised the money for the supplement. "The Japanese used to have this problem after World War Two, but they showed through good publicity that they were not evil. Now, we Asians in Kenya are going to do the same." A policy document published by Kenneth Matiba, the chairman of the opposition Ford Asili party, has galvanised the Asian community. Entitled The Asian Question, it argues that immigrants from Gujarat in western India have taken control of the Kenyan economy to the detriment of indigenous Kenyans. "It is common knowledge that many Asians come from very modest backgrounds ...

but the moment they land in Kenya, they become successful businessmen," the document claims. The policy paper, signed by senior members of the Ford Asili party, says Asians are responsible for most of the corruption in Kenya. Mr Matiba's argument has been weakened by the disclosure that he himself employs a mainly Asian staff to run the accounts and administration of his businesses. The allegations have angered second- and third-generation Kenyan Asians. "How on earth can it be construed that we are controlling the economy?" says Kul Bushan, a journalist and publisher. "We are not controlling the economy through hard work, enterprise and skills." Asian community leaders are worried that Mr Matiba has hit a nerve with working-class Kenyans who feel exploited by Asian employers. "The last month has been a

very difficult time for us," Mr Sodi says. "First we ignored it, but then we found our shops in Nairobi being invaded. Asians have been evicted from their homes, and lorries full of Africans have yelled 'Asians go home'." The hostility has been largely restricted to Nairobi, a stronghold of the Ford Asili party. Asians have received some assurances from the governing Kanu party of President Daniel arap Moi. "These politicians are desperate and linguistic leaders," says Nicholas Biwott, an MP and close confidant of President Moi. "What do they want by calling for the expulsion of Asians? Do they want to witness bloodshed similar to that in Uganda and Rwanda?" Such support is conditional. Most Kenyan Asians do earn far higher incomes than African workers, and President Moi will be looking to them to help fill his Kanu party coffers in the run-up to elections due next year.



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## Mediation is the message

But it is vital that the service is properly funded

FIVE YEARS ago there would have been celebrations: the first serious reform of the divorce laws for 25 years. Rational observers would have been describing the new divorce procedure as a logical sequence to the 1969 Children Act in putting children's interests first. But that was before back-to-basics moralists seized the Conservative agenda and ended any chance of a bipartisan approach to a much needed social reform. Instead, the Family Law Bill passed through its final hurdle in the House of Commons late on Monday with divisions within both liberal and conservative camps over the outcome. In one of the most bitterly disputed legal reforms in a decade, liberals are in danger of minimising the benefits which the new procedure will bestow.

A generation ago the 1969 Act aimed to introduce a "no fault" system, backed by "Putting Asunder", a report from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Committee which argued there should be only one ground for divorce: irretrievable breakdown. Unfortunately, three grounds by which the irretrievable breakdown could be demonstrated, continued to apportion blame: adultery, intolerable behaviour, desertion. Twenty-seven years on, the grounds which the 1969 architects hoped would be used — a period of separation — will now come into force. Couples will be required to register their intent to separate, be advised on the availability of marriage counselling or mediation, but finally be granted a divorce after 12 to 18 months of separation depending on whether they have children.

The reason the old system needed reform was the damage it was wreaking on children. Rarely has there been so much hubbub, distortion and plain misrepresentation of social research. There are roughly 150,000 divorces every year, just over a half with children. Partly due to the bitterness gener-

ated by the present procedure, as many as 40 per cent of children lose touch with one of their parents within two years. That is almost one million children cut off from a parent in the last decade. No one suggests divorce is good for children, but the research shows unequivocally that parental conflict causes more damage than divorce. Thousands of children have been hurt in the current acrimonious lawyer-led process, which is now to be replaced by a mediator-directed procedure.

The new procedure is designed to reduce conflict between separating couples and ease the arrangements over finance, property and, most important of all, parental contact with children. The crucial task now for reformers is to ensure that the legal aid savings in lawyer costs, which the new mediation process should generate, is invested in comprehensive counselling and mediation services. Both these services have been surviving on peanuts. Both will need to be transformed. If marriage counselling is to achieve ministerial goals then waiting times must be drastically reduced. For too many couples, counselling comes too late. Mediation comes into operation where counselling is rejected or proved fruitless. Mediation has nothing to do with conciliation — or reconciliation — but is designed to help couples make decisions about their divorce. Currently about 6,500 couples use the service. When the new Act is in force, mediators could be handling 50,000. It won't be compulsory but policy-makers believe at least 40 per cent of couples with children will opt for the mediator-directed process. This should be celebrated. Research shows that it reduces the acrimony, bitterness and hostility of the current process. What would be unforgivable, given the delay in this long overdue reform, would be a shortage of mediators. Reformers will need to remain vigilant.

## When peace is left in the cold

The isolation of the Palestinians bodes ill for the future

IF ARIEL SHARON really has been left out of the new Israeli cabinet, that is little comfort to the Palestinians. The absence from the list yesterday of the arch-bawk and champion of settlements has more to do with the determination of the new Likud prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu to be his own boss. Mr Netanyahu seems to be intent on fashioning a semi-presidential system of his own — and Mr Sharon may get his slot later. The real message for Yasser Arafat, and for the Arab summit in Cairo which opens on Friday, was conveyed in the official policy guidelines issued by Mr Netanyahu at the weekend.

Those who expected the Likud leader, once elected, to start blunting the edges of his opposition to the peace process will find no comfort in this document. It is hardly surprising that the outgoing foreign minister Ehud Barak doubts whether Likud can continue to hold the process together. In a clumsy attempt at diplomatic tact, the document asserts that the new Israeli government has no preconditions for continuing the negotiations: it is merely announcing in advance what it will never accept. Syria and/or the Palestinians may discuss what they choose; just so long as they realise that Israel's "red lines" are inviolable. Bill Clinton has urged the Arab leaders to give Mr Netanyahu a chance and "not to presume that we can't pursue peace" in the Middle East: the double negative tells it all.

The guidelines express opposition to a Palestinian state, to the right of

return and to the dismantling of settlements. They rule out any concession of Israeli sovereignty on the Golan Heights. They reserve the right to use the Israeli security forces against terrorist threats "as and wherever needed" — i.e. in Gaza and the West Bank in the areas of Palestinian self-rule. The assertion of Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem is explicit and exhaustive. So is the commitment to continue developing settlements as "an expression of Zionist fulfilment." And for good or bad measure the guidelines make no explicit reference to the Oslo or Cairo agreements.

Mr Netanyahu has made one contribution to the Arab cause: he has aroused such alarm that more of their leaders will assemble in Cairo than at any time since the August 1990 summit after Iraq invaded Kuwait. What they actually do there is another matter. Loud denunciation is not going to change any minds in Mr Netanyahu's cabinet. The real problem will be how to submerge inter-Arab differences sufficiently to establish a common view. If this can be achieved, the result may be an effective freeze on further normalisation, leaving Israel to make up its own mind whether or not it resumes meaningful progress. Israel's neighbours may not find it too hard to wait and see, but where does it leave the Palestinians? This is where — unless Mr Netanyahu starts rounding sharp corners very soon — talk of a second intifada begins to sound plausible.

## Don't mess about with Vulcan

We have disasters enough without tempting fate for more

THE NEW LAST days of Pompeii and Herculaneum may be nearer than anyone thought if the volcanologists of Naples University have their way. A series of single shots of high explosive will be set off starting this weekend on the slopes of Vesuvius to gather information about its internal structure and dynamics. Each shot will set off what is described as a "micro-earthquake" which will be registered by more than 250 instruments at land and sea. If it works, the professors of Naples University will get a better idea of when Vesuvius is likely to be in "bad humour". If it does not work, they may find out even sooner.

Some 600,000 people living on the slopes of Vesuvius have an interest in the matter. Their houses offer a fine view of the Bay of Naples but also induce a profound sense of insecurity. The last time that panic swept these communities was in 1983 after a

rumour that wine cellars were becoming warmer as a result of subterranean activity. It reached a peak when the telephone exchange broke down after being choked by thousands of false alarm calls.

A particular aim of the experiment is to establish how far the volcano's "stopper" of solidified lava is in place. In the week when New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu has erupted so spectacularly there may be a stronger feeling than usual that it does not pay to mess with nature. The interval between eruptions has lengthened markedly: the last one was in 1944, when the orange groves of Sorrento was coated with several inches of ash. It might be wiser to leave well alone. Pliny the Younger provided what remains the most famous journalistic description of an earthquake when Vesuvius erupted (suffocating his uncle) in AD 79. These days we have disasters in plenty to read about already.



## Letters to the Editor

### A recipe for safety in the home

YOUR leader (When care is a dirty word, June 14) seems to have followed the government line, which is basically to look at particular issues within residential units and deal with them one at a time. Your correspondent (The abuse of training, June 15) is right when he urges that the focus should change from residential homes to the management context.

My own inquiry into abuse in a residential establishment run by Kirkless council met the same fate as John Jilling's report on Clwyd and for the same reasons. The sad fact is that a whole series of these expensive inquiries result in very similar conclusions.

The last two decades have been marked by sustained attacks on residential childcare. The fashionable, professional view has been that the nearer home, the better for most children. Whilst social-service managers have been implementing this policy, they have failed to take account of the consequences for their own children's homes. We therefore see two levels of service appearing. Some establishments, mostly in the independent sector, have continued to provide a high-quality, specialised service to children with very special needs.

But within local authorities, the diminishing number of children's homes has increasingly been expected to cope with more challenging children with more complex needs. Their position has been exacerbated by the imposition of market forces. In the face of general despair by field social

workers and managers, the unit head is too often left to get on with it and expected to keep the lid on any trouble. These problems are compounded by failure of those charged with the management of these units to include residential staff within positive corporate developments and repeatedly to fail to tackle significant issues when they emerge.

The function of the few remaining advisers and psychologists has moved from support to regulatory. If the unit is a residential school they are now the responsibility of governors, who are unlikely to have any expertise or experience and therefore rely on a head who is feeling increasingly vulnerable, if not justifiably paranoid.

Independent providers will expect fees which start at £25,000 a year for care and education and may rise to more than twice this amount. Local authorities are being asked to make do on far less than this. The shortfall puts each child at risk.

The recent changes are to be applauded. However, these are of limited value unless the fundamental issues that underpin the culture and style of residential care are addressed. What is required now is action on the management of these homes. These views also lead to my belief that inspections of social and health-care units should be independent of providing agencies and take a national view. Malcolm Jordan, Higher Studdelham, Matlock, Derbyshire. N. Blackburn, Lancs BB2 7LZ.

HAVE worked with both children who have had sexual offences committed against them and sex offenders for nearly 30 years. Michael Howard's announcement is broadly to be welcomed but a specific group, that of young sex offenders, appears to have been left out. Research suggests that between a third and a quarter of all sexual offences against children are committed by those who are themselves under 18. My experience suggests that many of these are diverted from the courts and not charged.

Not all children who commit sexual offences will do so in adulthood. The problem is that we have no reliable method of predicting those who may. One addition to Mr Howard's proposals would be to exclude from diversion from the youth courts young people who have committed sexual offences. If nothing else this would mean we probably could identify some who may offend again in the future. Vincent Johnson, 8 Orchard Road, Erdington, Birmingham B34 9JL.

BEA CAMPBELL (Too little, too late, June 14) is right to call for a policy for real child protection. She is, however, wrong to cite the "failed trial" of eight of the staff of New Barns School in Gloucestershire in support of her arguments. That came about not because of children's complaints about their life there but because an eminent expert on residential childcare was found guilty of imposing paedophilic material. The local

social-services department and police held an extensive inquiry among former pupils. This failed to support the belief that the school was part of a paedophilic network. The Crown Prosecution Service decided nevertheless to prosecute eight of the staff, not for sexual abuse but, astonishingly to those who knew the school, for conspiring to neglect, ill-treat and imprison children there. After five months the jury threw the case out, asked to join the staff to celebrate the verdict and wrote to the Lord Chancellor saying the case should never have been brought. Marion Bennathan, The Kiln House, Mill Street, Ashwell, Baldock SG7 5LU.

THE New Barns trial was remarkable in the fact that at the end everyone, including most of the prosecution witnesses, had testified to the loving, caring and excellence of the New Barns environment and the adults who lived and worked there.

If the original inquiry had not been inadequate and flawed, and if they had really listened to what the children and others had said, the prosecution would never have taken place. As it was, it was a triumph for the defence team in effect to carry out a proper inquiry into every aspect of the New Barns environment. It was for this reason that the trial took so long and New Barns was so completely vindicated. John Cross, The Old Coach House, Ave Lane, Clare Hill, Cheltenham, Glos.

### Life's worth the struggle

IN SAYING her son Reece should have been aborted (Mother to sue over hospital blunder, June 13), Christina O'Sullivan sends a stark message to all disabled people, but particularly those, like me, who have spina bifida — you should be dead. It is also extraordinary that the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, a group which should have the interests of people with spina bifida at heart, should be so equivocal about whether or not those they supposedly represent should be killed before birth.

I was born 41 years ago with spina bifida, thankfully before these pernicious pre-natal tests were available. I cannot walk a step unaided yet I have travelled the world, been to university, written a book. One does not need legs to see that the world is a place of beauty and mystery, and enjoy its delights and wonders. Alison Davis, 85 Sleafham Bank, Milborne St Andrew, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 0LE.

PERHAPS some of the many people who wish so desperately to be parents but who are unable to conceive naturally might consider taking Reece O'Sullivan off his mother's hands. There are thousands of children like Reece in this country — with the potential to lead happy, satisfying lives but stigmatised from birth as miserable, tragic burdens to the rest of society. Many are abandoned and never find adoptive parents.

What can it be like to grow up knowing that your parents wish you had never been born? Is it any wonder that so many disabled people under-achieve and lack confidence when expectations are so low? Agnes Fletcher, 34 Washington Row, London Road West, Amersham HP7 9DU.

MY family has sustained six deaths from Huntington's disease, and there are now two sufferers, with question marks over some in the wider family. But we agree that any tests should be taken by the adults and not by unborn infants. All those who suffer in our family lived happy and fulfilling lives, were loved, and loved in their turn. They were a source of admiration for their careers and friends, as are the many disabled with the same disease. It is love that makes the world go round, not abortion. Mary Whyte, 3 Brookway Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos GL53 8HF.

### Divorce: A law somebody wants

I AM sorry to ruin the basis of your front-page headline. Divorce: A law nobody wants (June 18), but it is simply untrue to say that the Church was not in favour of the Family Law Bill.

Leaving aside the fact that the Church of England proposed irretrievable breakdown as the sole ground for divorce as long ago as the 1966 report Putting Asunder, the General Synod voted in favour of the reform in February 1984. Two consistent supporters of the bill have been the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church. Bishops supported the bill through the House of Lords and Cardinal Hume has spoken for it on a number of occasions. Within the last week alone, the House of Bishops and the Archbishop of Canterbury have issued

statements to the press in support of the bill.

Our commitment to the institution of marriage is unwavering and we welcome the obvious concern for marriage, the family and the welfare of children shown by MPs of all parties. The existing law on divorce was, however, deeply unsatisfactory, causing unnecessary pain and bitterness and enabling "quickie" divorces based on alleged fault. If the Family Law Bill, in which the main principle remains entirely recognisable, had fallen, many positive things would have been lost. (Rt Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, Chairman, Synod Board for Social Responsibility, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3NZ.



### Water sports, no thanks

SPORTSMEN, particularly croqueters, seem to be spitting more frequently and copiously in recent years. This habit is often emulated by young lads who spit in the street, waiting at bus stops or simply walking past.

In view of the emergence of new resistant strains of the disease, it is not time that the taboo on spitting, in

place 50 ago, was reintroduced into society? A health education programme might also encourage people to cover their mouths when coughing and to desist from scattering used paper tissues to the winds. Mollie Russell-Smith, 31 Cromwell Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4LL.

### An everyday tale of village folk

MAY I correct a few misunderstandings being put about by Alistair Horne and his chums Lord Quentin and Peter Bond, regarding the grant for East End children to spend holidays here (East Enders row shatters Dibley village calm, June 18). These three know full well that they do not speak for the village when they say the school project is not wanted. Countless meetings have made it clear that the scheme is most welcome by a majority in the village. Indeed, many remember when, during the second world war, the village had over 30 evacuees, and a good time was had by all. Sadly the sports field has now in the ownership of Alistair Horne will not be made available to the present generation of children coming to the school.

It is not "celebrity" outsiders who are forcing this scheme on the village, as a trustee, live right bang in the middle of the village. We have spent years putting the school from being sold as a

private house. Jeremy Paxman, John Mortimer and many others all live close by and have strong ties with the village church and school.

Horne and Co do us no favours by getting themselves and us into sensationalist stories in the newspapers. Please let us get on with providing for a few days a country holiday here for some well-deserving children. Trevor Proudfoot, The Old Bakehouse, Turville, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 6DL.

There is a national 24-hour postal advice line from midnight on Thursday. But we are confident that our readers will use technology, and ingenuity, to communicate with us as usual. To avoid delay, please use our fax number (0171 837 4530), or the letters page, e-mail address, which is: letters@guardian.co.uk.

### Closed doors

PAUL FOOT'S strictures on government policies against asylum-seekers tell just part of the story (Don't ask us for compassion, June 17). Our high commission in Lagos is operating ruthless no-entry rules against would-be, non-political visitors with relatives here, backed up by accusations of lying and misrepresentation. No attempt is made to verify circumstances despite long phone calls from the UK.

My Nigerian-born daughter-in-law and her sister have lived in the UK for many years; both have had their first children here recently. One baby is still in intensive care. Attempts by the women's mother to see her daughters and grandchildren have been ignominiously and insultingly rejected and my MP's requests for clarification thwarted. Nigerian business associates visit here regularly, but against compassionate visas the doors are firmly closed. Michael S Watson, 13 Wood Vale, London N10 3DU.

### A Country Diary

THE WREKIN: This is an hour no clock was made to tell, a place no map was meant to find. Though both time and place are marked, they belong to some other world, not this. As the flaming days of June burn down the fuse to the solstice, their dusks have a cool, sweet life of their own. Between day and night the woods are at their most verdant and this place is the most intense green of all. A circle of tumuli, covered with ivied oaks, holly, hazel and rowan, like block milk, lie under a film of duckweed so brilliant that the pond seems lit by a green fire from within. Each leaf of tree, bramble, wood-sedge and fern ignites a unique green of its own. These burial mounds, perhaps because the lie of the land has left the woods that conceal them intact, are all that remain of the great Bronze Age necropolis at the base of the Wrekin. The tumuli that were in the fields

PAUL EVANS

Exp. Miss 1950



Diary  
Matthew Norman

INVESTIGATIONS have begun into the curious case of the picture-taking Fresco boys and their MBEs. You may recall from yesterday how, in last year's Queen's Birthday Honours, Daily Mirror photographer Monte Fresco was given an MBE which, at the time, struck some as a touch generous. Last week, in the new Birthday list, Her Majesty was graciously pleased to give the identical honour to his uncle Monty Fresco, 70, who is retired after a long and far more distinguished career as a Daily Mail photographer. Nasty people will wonder whether Monte with an "e" was the beneficiary of some confusion — something he himself denies with a hint of indignation. "Yes, Monty Fresco is my uncle," confirms Monte Fresco, who now runs his own picture agency. Asked about the cock-up, he replies: "Well, people would say that. But has more than one Smith got an MBE in the history of the honours system, I wonder?" A devastatingly clever analogy... but even so, the Fresco inquiry continues.

F, God forbid, an error has been made. It will be easily forgiven, for near-identical names often cause confusion. Readers may remember my report last year into the exchange between two authors, Yvonne Paul Johnson, and Mail on Sunday literary editor Paula Johnson, who called to commission a review. For those who have forgotten it, here it is again. "Hello, is that Paul Johnson?" "Yes, who's that?" "Paula Johnson." "That's right, I am Paul Johnson." "Yes, I know. But I'm Paula Johnson." "No, no, I am Paul Johnson." "And I am Paula Johnson." "Paul Johnson. Not Paula." "No, I am Paula." "This is a truncated version of a conversation believed to have taken place in this vein for the better part of an hour."

TELEVISION pictures of a goatee-bearded John McEnroe prompt us to call Peter Hitchens, the Express's Cherie Blair hunter-in-chief and Britain's top-ranked exponent of the moustache beard. And, would you believe it, all this time after Yvonne Paul Johnson, he is still in denial about the facial growth he sported while a Trotskyite student. "I've spent so much time looking for old pictures which would prove my point, but I can't find them so I can't do anything about it," says Peter. "Perhaps if you have a slow period over the summer you could get your picture computer-enhanced — although that would prove me right, so you probably wouldn't want to do it."

DANGEROUS signs of misogyny have been spotted within the Frison Service press office. It has sent out an operational note about a ministerial visit to a prison training centre facetiously headlined: "Ann Widdecombe gets to grips with control and restraint." Miss Widdecombe is a devout Roman Catholic. She deserves more respect.

MORE worrying still is evidence that Hello! magazine has developed the first symptoms of irony. In an ill-timed interview with the comedian and his fourth wife Tracy, Jim Davidson reveals that he has found religion. "Both Jesus and God are very important in my life," says the lovable rogue, "but I don't like the Christianity that links the two. I have had a lot of the answers to my questions in freemasonry." It was earlier in the interview, by the way, that the unnamed writer wryly observed: "Jim Davidson is a born entertainer, a complete contrast to his gentle and home-loving wife, who often sits quietly at his side, clearly in awe of her husband's sharp mind." Awe-some indeed.

N Bolivia, a clown known only as "Mr Twister" has been threatened with prison for refusing to promise a Santa Cruz court that he would not repeat his offence. Mr Twister was charged with repeatedly feeding the parking meters of complete strangers.



Sailing on past the sunset

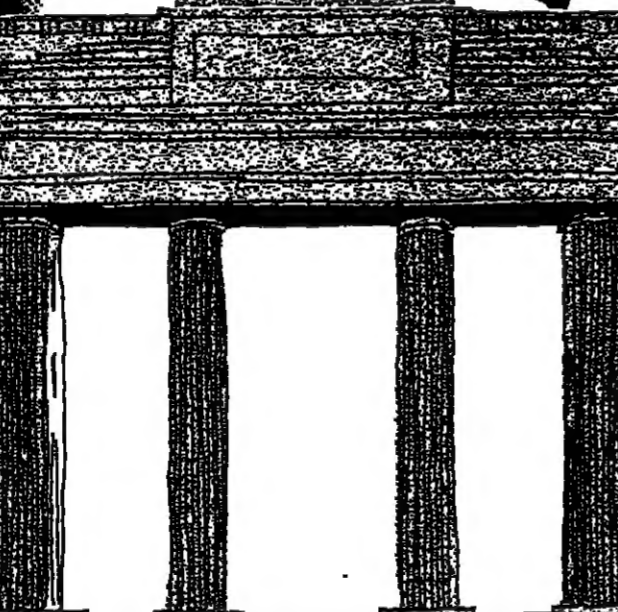
Commentary  
Catherine Bennett

IN THE political diaries of 1956, few dates can be more eagerly awaited than July 5, the 80th birthday of Sir Edward Heath. In Oxford the festivities began early, with a reception at Balliol and a concert at the Sheldonian Theatre, sponsored by Barclays Bank. Sir Edward's gratitude has already been recorded. "I didn't know Barclays was sponsoring this," he told the company. "When I was at Oxford, I banked with Lloyds."

As the celebrations proceeded, with banquets and a concert with profiles and tributes from fellow statesmen, we can expect more such sallies, ancient and modern. We cannot have heard the last of the anecdote in which Heath waggishly hails the fall of Margaret Thatcher. Rejoice, rejoice! Most of all, Sir Edward will be acclaimed for his political longevity, his courage in

remaining glued to his seat in the Commons, the pride of Old Bexley and Sidcup. Already 15 years into what, for a lesser man, even for Dickie Bird, would be enforced retirement, Sir Edward has already made known his intention to stand, at the next election, for a seat he has held since 1950. There will be no cessation then, to his regular turns on the Today programme, on Breakfast With Frost and On The Record, where Heath still seems keen to pose the question Who Governs Britain? and at last hear the answer, You! When the rest of us are gone, when Selsdon Man is confused with the Piltown and Essex varieties, one feels that Sir Edward will still be at large, making it absolutely clear what was said in the Heads of Government communiqué of 1972.

Strangely, given his undying appearances in the media, Sir Edward's name is not often on the lips of the woman or man in the street. Rarely, if ever, does one overhear a lively discussion of Sir Edward's opinions, whether they be on Europe, Sidcup, or the merits of Morning Cloud. Among the general public, it seems, Sir Edward and his achievements are remembered with scarcely more fondness than those other



Balancing Blair

Martin Kettle, in Bonn, argues that while Labour now has the luxury of opposition, it will have to make hard choices over Europe in the next year or two

SEVEN years ago the then shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer travelled to Bonn to meet Germany's political elite. Both John Smith and his hosts regarded the visit both as a milestone and a symbol. Labour, they believed, was at last coming in from the European cold after the years of anti-Common Market isolation. Smith was a lifelong pro-European who had defied the

Homes fit for children

Norman Warner led a major child-abuse inquiry but saw progress blocked by lack of cash and political will. Can Utting do more?

SIR William Utting, appointed to investigate the safeguards to protect children in care, knows from his Department of Health that children's homes have been a cause for serious concern for two decades. The Hughes Report on Kinross exposed widespread homosexual acts and prostitution in nine boys' homes and hostels in Northern Ireland. The Leeways Report was about the head of a home convicted of taking pornographic pictures of children in his care. The Williams Report on the Ty Mawr home in Gwent recorded suicide and self-harm among children. The Staffordshire Piltown In-

quiry chronicled children deprived of their liberty and subjected to regimes of social isolation. The Kirkwood Report revealed the activities of Frank Beck, given several life sentences for repeated homosexual abuse of boys in the Leicestershire homes he managed. Now the episodes in Clwyd and a network of sexual abuse in Cheshire have come to light following abuse in Islington and Gwynedd homes — not to mention countless unpublished cases. Yet the Government has shrunk from establishing one of the national scale of abuse in our children's homes.

Sir William should encourage the Government to

creations of the early 70s — hot-pants, decolourised currency and the refrain, Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep. True, his nautical and artistic memoirs, Sailing: A Course Of My Life, and Music: A Joy For Life, are still cherished by enthusiasts, but there seems to be little demand for the sequel, Sir Edward's political memoirs, soon to be completed after 20 years of anticipation. Although the autobiography was initially promised to Weidenfeld, Sir Edward returned his advance some years ago, and must now sell his work in a market which seems to be as exhausted by political memoirs as it is by politicians themselves. Still, hardly a week seems to go by in which the public is not presented with Sir Edward's pronouncements. Perhaps he possesses rhetorical powers far exceeding those of his tongue-tied juniors? Last week he described it as "absolutely abhorrent" that fellow MPs should take money from Sir James Goldsmith. Yet the point was equally well-made by others, including John Major, who put a stop to it. To pro-Europeans, the substance of Sir Edward's speeches is often sympathetic, but routinely undermined by his manner of expression, and his pervasive note of self-justification.

and Labour's policy, is also very careful to offer no hostages to an increasingly English-nationalist Conservative Party.

In the run-up to this week's Florence EU summit, no speech on Europe can ignore beef. Blair remains angry at the way the Government misled Labour at the outset over the scale of its non-cooperation strategy. But he and Cook are determined to remain free to criticise the effectiveness of the policy without the Government being able to accuse Labour of lack of patriotism. In Bonn, Blair repeatedly went out of his way to back the scientific validity of the Government's case while simultaneously benefiting his position post-Florence.

The following year a Blair government would have to decide whether to join or not, and whether to hold a referendum. At every turn, therefore, the policies of the next government will be dominated by Europe, whichever party is in power. There is absolutely no escape.

Blair's Bonn speech was skilfully balanced. Britain should not derail EMU, he said, a hint that a Labour EU candidate by the middle of next year would mean towards creating a system which Labour could support. But there was no explicit commitment, and many Germans will have been surprised to hear an undertone of great caution in Blair's approach. This balancing act is a luxury of opposition. Some time within the next 12 months, Blair will have to choose, for in government Labour must have a policy. When he does, it will be the pivotal moment at which any Labour government and the German response may not be quite as understanding as it was this week.

often untrained. This lack of sustained attention is why my committee recommended an independent development action group to oversee a national programme. But the Government did not want involvement or expenditure.

To make children safer we need more than the occasional pang of political conscience. We need the commitment to see through a reform programme for homes, overseen by an independent body. We need a more serious commitment to track known paedophiles. We need to change a court system in which so few of the cases of child-sexual abuse end up with abusers being convicted. We need an independent permanent Children's Commissioner. Utting needs to generate such changes through his review. Then the Prime Minister would not need to be so shocked.

Oh what a lovely war against drugs



Isabel Hilton

THE president of Colombia, Ernesto Samper, had a lucky escape last week. After an investigation that began almost as soon as he was elected in 1994 into allegations that he had solicited money from Colombia cocaine cartels for his election campaign, the Colombian congress voted by 111 to 45 to drop the charges against him. Samper's troubles began when his former campaign manager and defence minister, Fernando Botero, admitted that the campaign had accepted \$7 million from the Rodriguez brothers, soft-spoken capos of the Cali cartel. Fernando Botero is in jail, whence he has, periodically, furnished further details, including accounts of the president's attempt to cover the whole affair up and secure favourable media coverage.

There will, now, be no impeachment, despite testimony against Samper that has been pronounced overwhelming both inside and outside Colombia. The vote had little impact in Europe. Perhaps we have come to expect little else of a country in which some investigators have estimated that 40 per cent of legislators are on the cartels' payroll to some degree or other. Twenty-four congressmen are under investigation, and seven are already behind bars. Colombia is far away and unresponsive to our disapproval. We shrug and move on.

In the US, there was slightly more response: it has derailed Colombia's progress in the so-called war against drugs. Further sanctions are threatened — Colombian officials may have their visas revoked and President Clinton, under scrutiny in this election year, may be pressed to make a gesture. It's unlikely to make much difference, given the record.

The "war against drugs" was declared by western nations, led by the US, in 1989 after the assassination of Colombia's leading presidential candidate by the Medellín cartel. On the surface, 1995 was a good year for the war against drugs. Six of the seven Cali bosses were arrested; the Medellín cartel is fragmented; in Colombia, while the attempts to bring Samper to book captured the headlines, further dirty work was afoot in congress: there was a long-running campaign to remove the prosecutor, Alfonso Valdívieso, a man in a position so precarious that his family has been removed to the US for safety, and he himself lives

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Iona Ferenc

Gossip and generosity

THE ACTRESS and writer Iona Ferenc, who has died aged 70, had the kind of childhood that used to be written about in romantic novels...

her by Lisa Danielli, a mutual friend with whom she acted in LA. A devoted listener to the higher gossip about the prewar theatre...

Paul Bailey

Iona Ferenc, actress, born October 10, 1917; died June 12, 1996



Fringe benefits... Iona Ferenc acted at the New Lindsey in the 1940s

The Guardian Wednesday June 19 1996

Appreciation: Sir Fitzroy Maclean

On golden journeys

FITZROY Maclean (Obituary, June 18) was an adventurer in the very best sense of that word. He was a born saboteur, a writer of exceptional talent...

Letter

Michael Brandon writes: I was pleased to read in Lord Margdale's obituary (May 31) that his family had its roots in the drapery trade...

Birthdays

Metropolitan Anthony, head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Britain, 62; Alan Chan Sun Kyi, Burmese political leader, Nobel laureate, 51; Thelma Barlow, actress, 62; Jeremy Bates, tennis player, 34; Dr Neil Chalmers, director, Natural History Museum, 54; Rt Rev John Dennis, bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 65; Shirley Dixon, actress, 63; Louis Jourdan, actor, 77; Pauline Kael, film critic, 77; Bryan Keast, sculptor, 66; Dame Unity Lester, former vice-chairman, European Union of Women, 83; Salman Rushdie, novelist, 49; Paul Shane, actor, 56; Dr Joan Thirkel, historian, 74; Kathleen Turner, actress, 42; Rory Underwood, rugby player, 33.

Anniversaries

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Exploration and inspiration... Robert Kidd ADVANCES WALKS

Robert Kidd

Understanding the seas

PROFESSOR Robert Kidd, who has died of a heart attack aged 48, co-ordinated the largest international Earth Science research project in the world...

from North America to the University of Wales, Cardiff. It was Kidd who determined deep ocean drilling into the past millennium and the move has also ensured that key global environmental research will continue...

José María Valverde

Poetry of living speech

THE philosopher and poet José María Valverde, who has died aged 70, was a man of words and deeds, a master of many languages...

The Franco regime forced him into exile in 1955, when he resigned his university of Barcelona chair of aesthetics in protest at the dismissal of his fellow philosopher José Luis Aranguren and others...

among his friends. It is not surprising that Valverde's first significant philosophical work was Guillermo de Humboldt y la filosofía del lenguaje (Karl Wilhelm von Humboldt and the Philosophy of Language, 1955)...

Valverde translated the New Testament from the Greek in 1967, after making admirable versions of the works of Hölderlin, Rilke and the complete works of Shakespeare. His work also appeared in 1987. He translated Dickens, Melville's Moby Dick, Goethe's Faust and other works, and two exceptionally difficult authors: Christian Morgenstern's Galgenlieder (Gallows Songs, 1976) and James Joyce's Ulysses...



Unique... Valverde

ses (1976). It is amazing how Valverde managed to decant these quirkish masters of their own languages into Spanish which reveals itself as a perfect recipient for both. He also translated the works of Machado and of his beloved Machado in 1975...

Prize to Churchill or Hemingway - but not to his idol, Jimenez.

He was awarded the national prize for translation and the city of Barcelona's prize for poetry on the occasion of the publication of his collected poems in 1991. A shorter selection of his poetry, Antología de José María Valverde, appeared in paperback in 1978, and has been a best-seller ever since. José María Valverde was a remarkable and unique human being, a great intellectual who loved the words and the songs of the common people. In 1952 he married Pilar Healy Gaffell, and they had five sons.

James Kirkup

José María Valverde, philosopher, poet, translator, born January 23, 1926; died June 7, 1996

Jackdaw



Healing Teresa

WHEN the Lancet's Robin Fox visited her in Kalighat in southern California, at her "Hospital for the Dying" - a gaily labelled long ago ex-gunged from hospital nomenclature elsewhere - his manners could not disguise the shock of his discovery that recourse to medical advances in diagnosis, treatment, and the easing of pain are " seldom permissible" because " such systematic approaches are alien to the ethos of the home."

care for self that Mother Teresa has habitually displayed on the several occasions when she has "checked into some of the finest and costliest clinics and hospitals in the West during her bouts with heart trouble and old age." We could ask of no harsher judge of the quality of the healing endeavours she dispenses to others than this woman who regards herself as struck by the sign on the door of her office that reads: "He that loveth correction loveth knowledge."

their progress toward "the greatest development of the human life, to die in peace and dignity, for that's for eternity". Those still sentient who repair to her arms would apparently be wise to arrive well short of being in love with essential death. The mind still slightly ajar that Hitchens bought to his initiation into her presence was quickly closed when his eye was struck by the sign on the door of her office that reads: "He that loveth correction loveth knowledge."

More methods

WHENEVER your room-mate brushes his/her teeth, watch him/her do so. Take notes. Write a paper on it, and circulate it around campus. If your room-mate protests, say: "The people have a right to know!" Drink loads of lemonade. Talk obnoxiously for hours about how much you love lemonade. Then, one day, paint your face yellow. Complain to your room-mate that the jack-o-lantern has been staring at you. The next day, tell your room-mate that the jack-o-lantern thinks he/she has been staring at it. Confide in your room-mate that you really don't like the jack-o-lantern, but you can't convince it to move out. Hang a horse shoe above the door. Make up stories about having had good luck. Then, take the horse shoe down and wrap your head in bandages. When you see your room-mate, look above the door where the horse shoe used to be, hold your head and mutter "rapid horse shoe". The last installment of Ways to Confuse your Room-mate. The

rest of the 100 methods of confusion are at: http://mars.superlink.net/~drt70

Net moves

"I THINK Wittgenstein once asked, if in raising your arm, you could remove the intention of raising it, what would be left over? Is pure motion possible? It's an interesting question but, unless you had

Parkinson's Disease or some degenerative brain disease, we normally associate action with intent. In the case of the Telepolis performance last year, where people could remotely activate and access my body from Paris, Helsinki, Amsterdam and Luxembourg, I was watching parts of my body move as I hadn't initiated any of it. When you're immersed in the complexity of the system and things are operating both symbolically and successfully, you tend to drift out of consciousness. It's like if you're driving a car on the freeway and you drift off for a moment. A successful symbolical will often generate an anaesthesia of the body. The body doesn't remain aware of itself in a successful symbiosis and, if you're successfully operating a machine or performing in this complex cyber-system, you tend to merge with the machine. I'm not saying this in a pseudo-mystical way but simply, there's no master/slave relationship with you and the machine. Something happens in that symbiosis that

goes beyond the sum of its parts. In the midst of the performance, you become one intelligent operational system. There's no need to distinguish between a human operator and a slave mechanism and thus it's no longer meaningful to say that intelligence is simply residing in the biological body but rather in the operational system in which the body is only one component. The artist, Stelarc attempts to synthesize himself as being cyber-poked and virtualized, prodded in net. magazine. He is a multimedia artist whose latest project is being plugged into the cyber-system and, using a touch screen interface, the audience can directly control Stelarc's movements from any where in the world, thereby rendering his central nervous system redundant. Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4368; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

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# Finance Guardian

## Parkinson met watchdog

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#### Tory peer in Sumitomo talks

Paul Murphy and Patrick Donovan

**L**ORD Parkinson has held extensive talks with City watchdog the Securities and Futures Authority, discussing the Sumitomo "rogue trader" Yasuo Hamanaka and Mr Hamanaka's links with the British broker Winchester Commodities.

The former Tory party chairman and cabinet minister met SFA chief executive Richard Farrell late last year to discuss what was already shaping up as a far-reaching scandal in the copper market which culminated last Thursday in Sumitomo's admission that it had lost at least £1.2 billion through unauthorised dealings by Mr Hamanaka.

Yesterday, Winchester denied rumours on the London Metal Market that the Tory peer had lunched with the Japanese trader prior to his visit to see the regulators, who are now looking at all the broking firms which did business with Hamanaka. "Lord Parkinson never met Mr Hamanaka," Winchester spokesman said.

Winchester yesterday issued a formal statement. "It vehemently denies that it is in any way responsible for any of Sumitomo's losses which apparently stretch over a 10-year period. During the past 12 months Winchester has had minimal involvement with Sumitomo. During that period other brokers were heavily engaged in representing Sumitomo."

The statement also indicated that the "Radr" transaction stuck between Hamanaka and Winchester in the sum-

mer of 1988 — a deal involving 1 million tonnes of copper worth \$2.5 billion which netted Winchester a profit of more than \$100 million — "was known of and approved by a board member of Sumitomo." The Radr deal, details of which were revealed by the Guardian at the weekend, triggered a wide-ranging inquiry by the SFA into Winchester's affairs. But after bringing in a specialist from Sumitomo's Japanese rival, Mitsui, to help unravel the transaction, the SFA cleared Winchester of any wrongdoing.

Some sources suggested yesterday that Lord Parkinson, who has strong family connections with one of Winchester's founders, Charles Vincent, was acting as a "peace broker" between Winchester and the SFA. Others indicated that Lord Parkinson was seeking the SFA's advice before deciding whether to become Winchester's non-executive chairman.

Meanwhile Global Minerals and Metals, a New York-based metals broker which is widely believed to have taken over as Hamanaka's main trading house in the middle of last year, confirmed that the company and its president, David Campbell, have been subpoenaed to appear before a Manhattan grand jury looking into Sumitomo's losses.

When Global was first set up three years ago, Winchester guaranteed the American firm's dealings through the LME, organising a charge over certain assets with its own LME "clearing broker" Credit Lyonnais Rouse. Reports yesterday suggested Hamanaka had an agreement to take 10 per cent of any profits made by the US firm.



Lord Parkinson: Suggestions that he acted as 'peace broker' between Winchester and the SFA PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITOE

### Notebook

#### Lords tests view of Euro-sceptics



Edited by Mark Milner

**O**NE view of monetary union is that it involves France giving up its monetary policy and Germany giving up its foreign policy. Euro-sceptics would probably add that it would mean Britain giving up both.

The House of Lords committee which has looked into the "ins" and "outs" of monetary union clearly does not belong in the Euro-sceptic camp. In its report published today the committee paints a bleak picture of what could happen if the UK is seen as deliberately dragging its feet.

Other EU members might operate informal barriers against British access to the single market if they were to suspect the UK of indulging in competitive devaluation. It also reckons that unless financial markets are convinced Britain will stick to tough anti-inflation and exchange-rate policies, then long-term interest rates will be pushed higher.

Such concerns have real foundations. A number of European politicians have already expressed themselves strongly on those "outs" who might try to steal a competitive march via the exchange rate. And just ask the Domes what financial markets thought of their rejection of the Maastricht treaty at the first time of asking.

A note of caution, however. Though the committee acknowledges British reluctance to join a reformed exchange rate mechanism, it believes a British failure to do so would be seen as an indication of a reluctance to sign up for monetary union.

There is a danger, here, of course — though it could be reduced, if not removed, by demonstrating a commitment to exchange rate stability through adhering to the inflation, interest rate, debt and deficit targets laid down at Maastricht. Signing up for son of ERM, however, would be a very definite signal for the foreign exchange markets to break out the champagne. They remember Black Wednesday, too.

#### No room inside

**M**ORE than a decade ago the Government decided to deregulate the country's bus industry. It split the National Bus company into more than 70 pieces and sold them off. Private companies snapped up some bits, managements bought out others, new companies sprang up. The aim was to bring in new investment and to create greater competition.

Since then, it seems, the industry has been busy putting itself back together again. Yesterday's deal, which saw

the Cowie group agree to pay just over £282 million for British Bus is being seen as the latest stage in the consolidation of the industry. The deal will mean that the three biggest operators, FirstBus, Stagecoach and Cowie will control some 54 per cent of the market.

Cowie executives were clear yesterday that the British Bus deal was 'its last opportunity' to land a big acquisition which would bring it close to its two main rivals. Certainly any further consolidation will be on a more piecemeal basis.

The worry must be that the size of the big three will make life harder for some of the smaller competitors. As Cowie acknowledged yesterday, the size of the group will give it greater purchasing power across a whole range of products.

That may be good for shareholders if it allows margins to be pushed up. It may even be good for customers if some of the savings are passed on in the form of lower fares.

But it will not be good for those same customers if the industry's smaller operators are squeezed by more powerful rivals. In the case of the bus industry, three would certainly not be a crowd.

#### Old hat, Jack

**S**HADOW home secretary Jack Straw looks to be behind the times in pledging to create an independent office of national statistics.

Yesterday Mr Straw said freeing the number-crunchers from Whitehall would remove the dangers of political interference and improve the quality of social and economic statistics.

A year ago this argument held water: official statistics came from different sources, were patchily constructed and to some degree distorted by the desires of political masters.

Times have changed, however. The Office for National Statistics, successor to the Central Statistical Office and Office for Population Censuses and Surveys, is now the undisputed control centre of all official information.

Director Tim Holt, who celebrates the end of his first year in office on July 1, is busy bringing the social side of his new empire — covering politically-critical areas such as crime, education and health — up to the standards of the well-respected economic series.

And the set of statistics best known for political interference, the monthly unemployment series — based on the number of people claiming benefit — went to the ONS last year when the Department of Employment was abolished. The ONS is already busy exploring ways of conducting a more robust survey-based measure every month.

The ONS is probably the least political government department in Whitehall with its officials — though accountable to the Treasury — guarding their numbers jealously enough to annoy a number of Tory ministers. Yesterday's deal, which saw

## Regulators widen Channel Islands inquiry

### Patrick Donovan and Paul Murphy on developments at home and in the United States after £1.63bn 'rogue trade' losses

**P**OLICE and financial regulators investigating what they believe is an international copper fraud are widening their inquiries after a raid on the premises of Guernsey companies controlled by Ian Tickler. Mr Tickler is a director of the Stock Exchange-owned engineering company, Arthur Shaw, based at Wiltonhall, near Wolverhampton in the West Midlands.

Documents were obtained by local police and representatives from the Securities and Investments Board in a raid on May 11. Other Guernsey expatriates are also known to be involved in the investigations.

The increasingly complicated inquiries involve investigations into alleged copper frauds perpetrated on Cojeco, the Chilean state pro-

ducer, and Sumitomo, the Japanese trading house which last week shocked the markets by announcing that it had made a loss, estimated at \$2.5 billion (£1.63 billion). The London Metal Exchange last night said it will make a statement on the market today.

Mr Tickler, who was yesterday on company business in Switzerland, was unavailable for comment. He was due back in the Channel Islands yesterday evening. His office repeatedly refused to respond to telephone calls and visits to his offices by Guardian reporters.

Investigators are looking at papers relating to companies connected to Mr Tickler's offices at Le Marchand House, Guernsey. They include Permian Financial Services, City Gate Trust and Saunzarez.

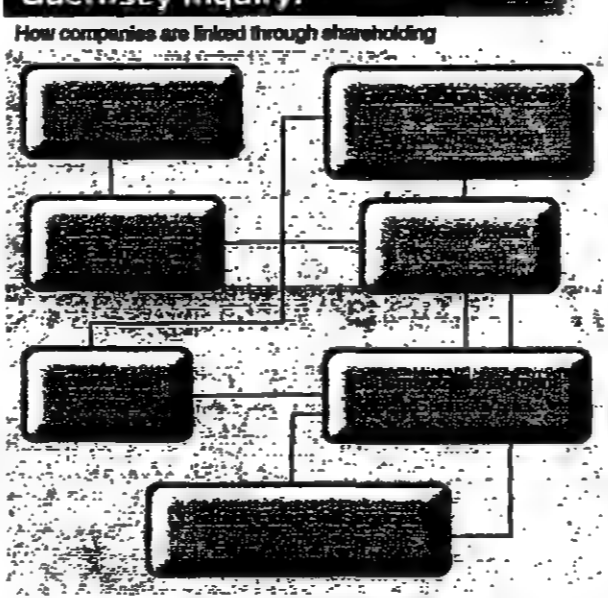
In some cases ownership of the companies is impossible to uncover because registration listings are incomplete. In the case of Solent Nominees, which is registered in Dublin, against the section principal shareholding is written "not shown".

Other companies likely to be investigated include Fegusa, Drake Commodities, Volcania and Pacific Commodities. Links between some of these are shown in the flow diagram.

On the other side of the Atlantic, inquiries are focusing on Global Minerals and Metals, a US company which is being investigated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Lawyers for Global Minerals yesterday confirmed that the company and its president, David Campbell, had both received subpoenas from the US Attorney's office in Manhattan as part of a federal grand jury investigation into Sumitomo's losses.

#### Guernsey inquiry:



relationships, financial or otherwise between Sumitomo and any of the business concerns whose identities have surfaced in the copper market inquiry.

Meanwhile, trading in the copper continued to be unsettled by the Sumitomo investigation. Copper prices ended up \$10 at \$1,990 a tonne. Sumitomo is coming under increased pressure from rival companies to make a full statement about its remaining exposure to the copper market.

Market sources say that they are looking for formal reassurances from the Japanese company about the situation. Sumitomo has insisted that it has no plans to cut back on its copper trading despite the huge losses.

One copper trader said: "There are divided opinions on Sumitomo's copper: long positions and some estimates show up to 400,000 tonnes. That would be equal to one quarter of Japan's total annual copper production."

The source added: "I can understand why they're sensitive to the outstanding longs. But it's also true that a lack of detailed information is fuelling uncertainty and market participants' concerns."

## Government to beef up service sector data

Richard Thomas and Larry Elliott

**T**HE Government is preparing to unveil a monthly snapshot of activity in Britain's key service sector in an attempt to reduce the risk of the present bias towards manufacturing causing damaging economic policy mistakes.

Officials have privately been beefing up data on transport, the City, tourism, leisure and retailing since the start of the year in response to criticism that coverage of two-thirds of the UK's economic output is inadequate.

The Bank of England has led growing calls for more information on the service sector to help policymakers for its last Inflation Report, the Bank said manufacturing — which accounts for less than a quarter of GDP — was much better served by up-to-date official and private-sector surveys. A special section of the Report said: "Official statistics provide only incomplete coverage on a monthly basis."

The Office for National Statistics has accepted that improvements to the current raft of economic figures are needed, and hopes to release a new set of vice-sector series — to run alongside the Index of Production — by the year's end.

"We are keen to respond to the needs of our wide range of customers. We are broadening and strengthening our collection from the service sector, even though its diversity makes it a more challenging process than for manufacturing."

ONS insiders agree that the monthly series on retail sales — which is published today — gives only a partial picture of the non-industrial side of the economy, and are concerned at the emphasis on the weakness of factory activity in policy-making circles.

In a parallel effort to establish a stronger picture, the Office will publish in the next few weeks a report on the advantages of a monthly survey-based measure of unemployment.

ment, to bolster the existing claimant count yardstick. The paper will outline two options for reform, either a monthly breakdown of the existing Labour Force Survey — which is currently published on a three-monthly basis — or a large-scale survey of 60,000 households every month.

Although the first alternative would be the cheapest, costing less than £1 million, ONS experts are expected to come out in favour of the survey option, which would cost between £8 million to £9 million. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is also expected to favour beefing up the levels of data collection, but may insist on cost-savings elsewhere in the ONS to fund changes.

But Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, said yesterday the only way to ensure high-quality government statistics was to create a new independent body, responsible directly to parliament.

"We have to have facts which the public can trust. Democratic debate is disabled without them," he said.

## Magic Pub chief pulls £70m out of hat to top up fortune

Roger Cowie

**M**ICHAEL Cannon, the former pub chief who made £26 million when he sold west country pub Devenish three years ago, has sold his latest venture to East Anglian brewer Greene King for almost £200 million.

Mr Cannon is expected to make £70 million on this deal, which has pre-empted the planned flotation of his Magic Pub company.

The company consists of 277 pubs, trading as Rat & Parrot, Pickled Newt and Hungry Horse pub restaurants in London and the South. The pubs were formerly Chef & Brewer outlets acquired by Mr Cannon in 1994 following the sale of Devenish to the North-west group Greenalls.

Mr Cannon became chairman and chief executive of Devenish after selling his 40-strong chain to the South-west brewer in 1986. Magic Pub managing di-

rector Philip Snook said the company's planned flotation had been forestalled by offers to buy the company. Greene King had not made the highest bid, but it had been accepted because the company would remain intact within the Greene King group.

"What persuaded us was the continuity of the management — apart from the three executive directors all the present management will be kept on," he said.

Greene King chairman David McCall said: "This represents an important strategic move for Greene King and more than doubles the number of our managed houses."

The pubs provided a good geographic fit with the company's existing outlets, broadening coverage in London and the South-east, he added.

Greene King, which yesterday announced 12 per cent higher pre-tax profit of almost £25 million, has launched a rights issue to help pay the £197 million price. It is issuing two new shares for every five already owned, which will raise £90 million.

Following the acquisition, Greene King will have 1,139 pubs, of which 677 will be run by tenants. The company said the two chains will yield additional profit of at least £3 million.

## Investment bank takes up Blair's stakeholder line

Roger Cowie

**T**HE stakeholder approach to business advocated by Labour leader Tony Blair has been adopted by a top City investment bank, which believes it will offer investors exceptional returns.

Kleinwort Benson is using the approach in an investment management service it has launched for local authority pension funds and hopes to extend the idea to a unit or investment trust for retail investors.

Ben Siddons, chairman of Kleinwort's investment funds business, said yesterday: "We think it will give a fabulous performance."

Kleinwort's investment strategy will be based on the recommendations of the Tomorrow's Company report published last year by the Royal Society for Arts.

The RSA yesterday launched The Centre for Tomorrow's Company to promote the ideas in the report and to help companies put them into practice.

The Tomorrow's Company inquiry advocated an "inclusive approach" to management based on co-operation with suppliers and customers, and attention to the needs of employees as well as shareholders.

It argued for investors to take a long-term view of companies' prospects rather than focusing purely on short-term financial performance.

Pursuing the City to pursue such objectives will be one of the tasks for the new Centre for Tomorrow's Company, launched yesterday with the support of 13 founder members, including advertising group WPP, the Co-op Bank, United Utilities, Whitbread and NatWest Bank.

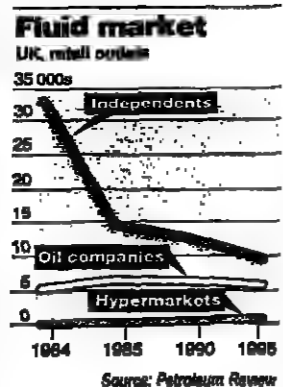
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**MPs are being urged to save independent petrol retailers from going under.**  
**GEOFFREY GIBBS reports from Devon**

# Pumping up the price war action

**T**HE Trade and Industry Select Committee is being pressed to prevent a wave of closures among small independent petrol retailers in the face of a savage petrol price war that is being waged in a corner of south Devon.



Prices in the Teignbridge area are among the lowest in Britain following a period of cutthroat competition between local supermarket operators and Esso, whose Price Watch campaign carries the commitment of matching the lowest prices in a given area.

The petrol pump war, which has led to accusations of predatory pricing, has driven the price of unleaded petrol as low as 49p a litre in recent days. Independent outlets having to sell the same product at up to 15p a litre more are suffering badly. Many fear they may have to close.

"We all like cheap petrol but these prices are insanity," says Richard Younger-Ross, the Liberal Democrats' parliamentary spokesman for the Teignbridge constituency. He has carried out a survey among petrol retailers in the area and wants the Office of Fair Trading to draw up a new code to define predatory pricing and make selling below cost illegal.

"The result of cheap petrol today will be the closure of small petrol stations and when there is less competition the prices will rise and

people will have to drive further to buy petrol and pay more for it," he said.

The Teignbridge price war was inevitable once the irresistible force of the Esso Price Watch campaign hit the immovable object of a colourful "pile it high" discount hypermarket group trading near Newton Abbot.

Trago Mills, a family-run retailing business with three huge stores in the South-west of England, has long prided itself on ensuring its 43,000 separate stock lots are the lowest on offer. The company has taken a lead in offering cheap petrol in the region and was not prepared to let Esso take its crown.

At the start of Price Watch, Trago's BP pumps were selling petrol for about 5p a litre less than others in the area.

Yesterday, it was offering unleaded at 44.9p a litre — keeping it 0.1p cheaper than local Esso stations and Tesco, and 10p to 13p cheaper than nearby independents.

"We pioneered cheap petrol in the South-west 25 years ago and have worked hard to build up our business," says Trago director Peter Barnes, who admits the company is now selling fuel at a loss.

"We are defending our corner and our business against Esso who somewhat belatedly are trying to snatch back some of the market share which they have lost through their complacency over the years. We are not going to go down without a fight."

The short-term winners are the motorists who queue gratefully at Trago and the Tesco and Esso pumps around Newton Abbot.

The losers are independent operators such as Hazel Alford. She has seen business halved at the petrol station she owns in Dawlish, seven miles away.

Over the last year the volume of petrol she has sold has slumped from 450,000 gallons to about 220,000 gallons, while the number of her account customers has dropped from 40 to 15 — the deserters lured away by savings of around £10 every time they fill up their tank.

She says: "If the price continues to go down many of us will be driven out of business."

## Grounded — now Everglades disaster airline may never fly again



**S**HARES in ValuJet fell yesterday after a US government decision to shut down the discount airline for at least 30 days, writes Jonathan Freedland in Washington.

ValuJet's stock price fell by \$4.50 after the Federal

Aviation Administration found the carrier guilty of using planes unfit to fly. The action was prompted by last month's crash of ValuJet flight 592 into the Florida Everglades in which 110 people died.

Aviation experts expressed doubts yesterday that ValuJet, based in Atlanta where planes were yesterday grounded at Hartsfield International Airport (above), would ever return to business after its month-long suspension.

Yesterday ValuJet condemned the FAA move as "grossly unfair."

The FAA now faces serious questions over why it took the Florida crash to prompt it to move against ValuJet. FAA Administrator David Hinson was expected to fire Anthony Bro-

derick, the senior official in charge of supervising low-cost airlines.

Speculation that leading carriers which had cut fares to compete with ValuJet would now raise them proved unfounded.

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## Platforms for national success

Norwegians brought North Sea oil ashore years before Britain and turn up their noses at privatisation. Sarah Ryle reports

**I**T was raining, windy and visibility was minimal on the Norwegian oil rig Gullfaks A. "Normally we can see the British rigs from here," said the Statoil company man conspiratorially. "If it was not so foggy, you would see the black smoke coming out of their rigs. Our smoke is white."

It was one of the few examples of "us-and-them" pontificating by the Norwegians on the rig. But they can afford to be magnanimous given that they brought their first oil field on stream in 1971, beating the British by five years.

Generally, the company was content with illustrating how well equipped and clean the platform was.

Margaret Ovrum, co-manager of Gullfaks A — who, like every other worker on the rig, has two weeks offshore, three weeks onshore,

then two weeks on the platform followed by four weeks rest — said: "Safety in Norway is much better than in other countries. You have to look at how clean a rig is. A dirty rig is more dangerous because of fire risk and the possibility of slipping."

These are micro-differences which matter to the workers. The macro-differences matter to the nation.

Norway is enjoying a period of falling unemployment, historically low interest rates and a stable krona, inflation below 1.5 per cent, rising growth estimated at 4.3 per cent this year, plus a trade and budget surplus.

It is one of the few European nations which would meet the Maastricht criteria for monetary union, if it were a member of the European Union. The government attributes this litany of prosperity

to careful fiscal management, part of which is careful use of oil revenues.

The most apparent difference between the Norwegian and British approach to their North Sea assets is the Petroleum Fund. This year, the Norwegian parliament has allocated its budget surplus of \$1.06 billion to the fund. After soaring unemployment and plummeting GDP in the late 1980s, attributed partly to the use of oil money to increase welfare schemes and partly to the price shock of 1986, the government has grown cautious.

Projections that the oil revenue will decline, even though increased gas production is expected to take up some of the slack, in the next century have focused attention on the predicted burden of pensioners shared by all European countries.

Increased domestic use of the oil revenues is viewed as producing low returns and could be storing up a heavy welfare burden. The fund is to be invested, primarily abroad, and any gains added on to it.

This fund, and the continued huge investment in technological developments (worth between \$4 billion to \$5 billion annually until the year 2000) gives some indication as to how central oil is to Norway. Improved technology is vital because it will enable the industry to access more of the reserves, now estimated at 23 billion barrels, of which 20 per cent has been produced.

Capital expenditure in the sector represented about 38 per cent of mainland spending in 1995. It has become the country's insurance policy against the potential ill-effects of non-membership of the EU in the common currency. Although the oil industry accounts for just 0.8 per cent of Norwegian employment, the wealth it brings (about 13 per cent of GDP) directly affects the whole population.

The export value of the industry last year was \$11.8 billion.

The Norwegian government expects to reap about \$5 billion, or roughly 18 per cent of total state revenues, from oil this year. That is up

on every year since the peak of 1984 when the industry yielded almost \$7 billion.

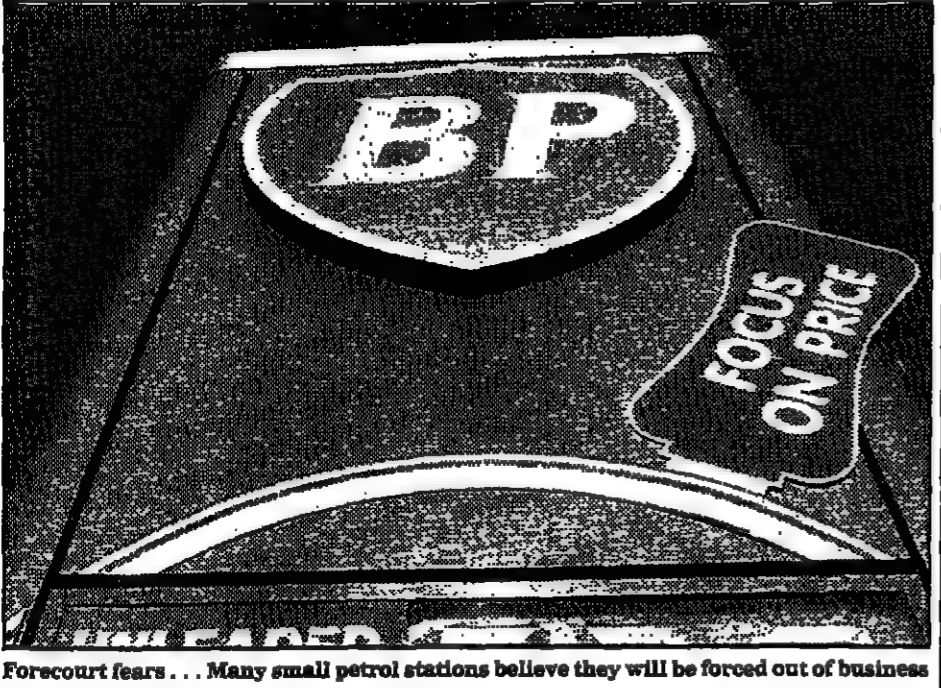
The income is gained in three main ways. The tax and royalty system, made up of corporate tax of 28 per cent plus an industry-specific tax of 50 per cent less deductions and royalties worth about 8 to 16 per cent of gross production value, is one and is worth about £1.5 billion.

Then there is the state's direct financial interest (SDFI) in the sector. The government gets out a sum which is proportional to the money it invests, but operational and financial management has been left to the companies.

Together with dividends from and the rise in asset value for the state's holdings in Statoil and Norsk Hydro, the SDFI is worth about £3.3 billion.

Jens Stoltenberg, head of the ministry of industry and energy, was bemused by the notion of fully privatising the industry. "Why," he asked, "sell such a valuable asset?"

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Forecourt fears... Many small petrol stations believe they will be forced out of business

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## Unions target 'new insecure'

Workface/TUC trying to break out of decline, writes Seumas Milne

**T**RADER unions must learn from the New Unionism of the 1890s, the United States black civil rights movement and the struggles of the Swedish-American union martyr Joe Hill, if they are to break out of the cycle of 17 years of declining membership and influence, TUC leader John Monks declared yesterday.

Announcing a membership drive in the trade union-hostile territory of the City of London, Mr Monks called on unions to shift resources away from serving a shrinking pool of members in traditional strongholds towards recruitment in the new jobs and industries.

He warned trade unions against expecting a Labour government to bail them out. "We cannot and must not rely on a change of public policy to lead to an increase in union membership," he said. "Recruitment is a job for unions, not for government."

Membership of TUC-affiliated unions has fallen from 12 million in 1979 to below 7 million — a trend in most advanced countries — and the proportion of workplaces where unions are recognised has fallen below 50 per cent.

A TUC study, published yesterday, focused on the growth of part-time and female employment, small workplaces, and service and professional-technical jobs as the target for a union renaissance.

Mr Monks believes that, instead of political fixes or poaching each other's catches, unions should concentrate recruitment in the new and newly insecure industries, just as the New Unionism of the last century broke out of the craft ghetto and attracted hundreds of thousands of unskilled and women workers.

John Stekelorum, president of the Dutch trade union confederation FNV, told yesterday's London conference how Holland's trade unions have increased membership by 20 per cent in the past 10 years — after an earlier period of decline — by targeting women and part-time employees. Last year, membership grew particularly fast.

The FNV has set out to raise the social and legal standing of part-time employees and fought to cut working time for all. "Remember me, I'm your daddy," was one slogan used in a successful FNV campaign to cut working hours for fathers.

Unions in Australia and the United States — where the labour movements are also battling to reverse declining membership — also spoke at yesterday's conference. John Sweeney, the newly elected leader of the American AFL-CIO (the TUC equivalent), has promised to spend one-third of the federation's budget on organisation and recruitment by 1998.

Fast food and hotel chains have been particular targets and are being trained by the AFL-CIO's Organisation Institute to spearhead a Union Summer 1996 aimed at matching the Freedom Summer of black voter registration in the South in 1964.

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Bijou grit heads off French challenge

Chris Hawkins

WORKSHIRE grit triumphed over French finesse as Bijou d'Inde fought back to head Ashkalmi and become the first northern-trained winner of the St James's Palace Stakes for 20 years at Royal Ascot yesterday.

Mark Johnston, the Scotsman who has put Middleham back on the training map in the last few years, knew Bijou d'Inde was a "bonny fighter" and never gave up hope after the Aga Khan's Ashkalmi came cruising through to take it up two out.

"I knew French horses are trained for speed and not for battle, so I still thought we were in with a chance," said Johnston. "My horses are tough and are taught to go in front and keep going."

Bijou d'Inde, therefore, knew what was required of him and when his jockey, Jason Weaver, called for more he dug deep, worrying Ashkalmi out of it in the final strides.

Many thought Mick Kinane had hit the front too soon on the favourite and if he could ride the race again no doubt he would hold on to him a little longer, but this was the first time he had ridden the colt, who was partnered by Gerald Mosse, now suspended, when winning the French 2,000.

Mark Of Esteem, looking no more than a pony in the company of some big, mature three-year-old colts, was sadly outclassed and finished eighth of the nine runners. It seems his day has come and gone.

He had beaten Bijou d'Inde and Beauchamp King, who finished fourth yesterday, when winning the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, but failed totally to confirm that form - something which did not surprise those who believe that the watering of the Rowley Mile had produced a false Guineas result.

Bijou d'Inde, who cost only 20,000gns, is no oil painting and even Johnston wished he could have sent him back when he first saw him.

"He was like a boat and I thought he might grow to be over 17 hands and never see a racecourse," said the trainer, resident in his green Johnsons turtan tie and waistcoat.

"He's actually 16.1 hands and weighs 514 kilos, which makes him the second biggest I've ever had, but he has always shown fantastic form on the gallops and I knew he had a group one race in him.

The Eclipse might be next, but I'd be worried about him getting the mile and a quarter. What I'd really like is for him to win the Breeders' Cup Mile."

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Head to head... Jason Weaver and Bijou d'Inde (left) get up to thwart Mick Kinane and Ashkalmi in yesterday's St James's Palace Stakes

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Blaze Of Song can hit high notes

Chris Hawkins says the in-form Hannon runner is favoured by the weights and draw in today's Royal Hunt Cup

PAUL COLE, who trains amid the magical surroundings of Whatcombe in the Berkshire Downs, has won all the two-year-old events at Royal Ascot except the Queen Mary Stakes.

More Silver (3.05) looked an exceptional filly when making her debut at Newbury last month. Backed down to odds-on, she beat previous year winner Arctura by five lengths.

She will be ridden by Michael Hills in the absence of suspended stable jockey Richard Quinn and looks the pick of three Cole runners in the race.

A wonderful day's racing starts with the Jersey Stakes, in which Ramoz (2.30) could spark a treble for Fat Eddery.

Ramoz has plenty of pace and Ben Hanbury has wisely decided to keep him to seven furlongs after his impressive win over the trip at Epsom earlier this month when he beat Warning Time by one and a quarter lengths with Ashmusharak a neck away third.

Ed Dunlop and Willie Carson combined to spring a surprise with Ta Rib in the French 1,000 Guineas and the filly attempts to confirm the form in the Coronation Stakes.

But Shake The Yoke (3.45), trained by Elle Leclouche, finished strongly to be beaten three-quarters of a length at Longchamp and, provided she gets a clearer run, is taken to reverse the placings this time.

Willie Haggas, the Derby winning trainer, had his disappointment yesterday when his strongly fancied Missile was found to be lame and had to miss the Britannia Handicap.

Haggas will be hoping Yeast can make up for that in today's Royal Hunt Cup, but his Victoria Cup winner could find he is drawn on the wrong side at number three.

Over the years high numbers have held an advantage in the Hunt Cup, with three of the last six winners coming from stall 30.

Kayvee, the old Ascot specialist who has finished fifth in this race in the last two years, is drawn in the favoured stall this time. He should again go close, but Blaze Of Song (4.30), who is also well drawn in 26, gets my vote.

Richard Hannon's four-year-old is attractively weighted with 8st 1lb and seems to be running into form.

The concluding Beesborough Stakes is usually a desperate affair and Son Of Sharp Shot (5.30) got up in the final strides last year.

He represents the final leg of the possible Eddery triple and looked to be running into form at just the right time when narrowly beaten at Epsom recently.

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Royal Ascot runners and riders with form

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EURO 96

The tomatoes are out for Sacchi



Paddy Agnew reports that Italians are hostile to the coach's innovations

CRUEL cartoon this week in the sports pages of La Repubblica neatly sums up the difficult situation into which Italy have played themselves on the eve of tonight's decisive game against Germany...

Even the Sicilian Mafia godfather, if you can call him that, has been widely quoted as saying that Sacchi's tactics and selection against the Czechs were nothing less than 'suicidal'...



Genius or mad professor? ... Sacchi takes his players on a training run at their Alsager base

much better. Rivera apparently agrees, saying this week that it would be a great pity if Italy were to go out in the first round of this championship since 'our players are the best around'...

same critics find hard to accept is his insistence on ignoring the classic Italian game in favour of the sort of hard-working, hard-running soccer with which he proved so successful at Milan...

presence of three Dutchmen called Gullit, Van Basten and Rijkaard than to Sacchi. They argue that such tactics, applied to an all-Italian side, simply do not work.

Italy do not beat Germany may well earn Sacchi immediate excommunication. Sacchi has reversed largely the team that beat Russia for tonight's game at Old Trafford...

return up front and Roberto Di Matteo replaces Dino Baggio in midfield, but Diego Fuser and Roberto Donadoni continue on the flanks...

Russia suffer back pain

RUSSIA lost their swagger before they entered the last-chance saloon. Now they have lost their defence. The Russians were in trouble at the back even before the tournament...

Sunderland in Lechkov chase

BULGARIA's elegant midfielder Yordan Lechkov may play in the Premiership next season with newly promoted Sunderland. With an estimated £6 million to strengthen a squad...

The site where friendship is in tents

John Duncan at the supporters' camp in Birmingham, a successful Euro 96 initiative. LEN CALE was a happy man. He was pouring with rain, water was leaking through the roof of his makeshift office...

Amor finds

S O FAREWELL then Sergei Kirakovi. You came, you didn't get picked, you've been sent home in disgrace. The Russian striker, who has scored five goals...

Rugby Union

Tour match: Scotland 35, Bay of Plenty 31. VOLCANIC ash floating in from the eruption of Mount Ruapehu, some 80 miles away, could not dampen Scottish spirit...

Welsh win with Cormack treble

WALENS could draw limited encouragement for Saturday's second Test in Sydney from a 42-9 victory over the Victoria state side yesterday in Melbourne...

Results

Rugby Union: Wales 42-9 Victoria. Tennis: Wimbledon qualifying (Round 1) M. Hingis (S) 6-2, 6-2 P. Kvitová (C) 6-2, 6-2...

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Yankees 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 4. American League: Oakland Athletics 5, Kansas City Royals 4.

Cricket

WEST INDIES CRICKETERS' ASSOCIATION: West Indies 301, Australia 201. BRITANNIC ASSURANCE SURVEY CRICKETERS' ASSOCIATION: West Indies 301, Australia 201.

Fixtures

CRICKET: West Indies vs Australia (1st day). BASEBALL: New York Yankees vs Pittsburgh Pirates (1st game).

Cycling

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Eighth stage (Grindelwald to Fraumfeld). 220km. 1st UCI (Swi) 5hr 11min 30sec.

Athletics

10000m: 1st W. Skelton (GB) 31:00. 5000m: 1st W. Skelton (GB) 16:00.

EURO 96 DIARY. A15: Liechtenstein. They conceded 40 goals and scored only one in 10 qualifying matches for Euro 96.

EURO 96: SPAIN'S defeat at disgraced Koichko. Amor finds. Rugby League Hard-up. W. Back to back. Super League.

EURO 96: SPAIN'S LATE WINNER OUSTS BOTH ROMANIA AND BULGARIA

Group B: France 3, Bulgaria 1

Defeat and disgrace for Stoichkov

Mike Walker at St James' Park

BULGARIA skulked out of Euro 96 here last night with a new cloud over their controversial striker...

Stoichkov replied: "It is normal for that to happen all over the pitch. If you took a microphone round every player they would all be saying things like that."

Stoichkov, whose beautiful 88th-minute free-kick made him the tournament's leading scorer with three, finished the game standing on the half-way line, not participating...

This is second racial flare-up in the championship. Last week Edgar Davids was sent home after a row with Holland's manager Guus Hiddink...

was difficult to gauge the true value of their performance against a Bulgaria side who started brightly but slid away like Scarborough houses into the North Sea.

Three players, Desailly among them, were booked by Bernot Gallagher in a fractious opening quarter of an hour. Such was the pace that the referee himself did not last much longer, giving way to Paul Durkin with a calf strain.

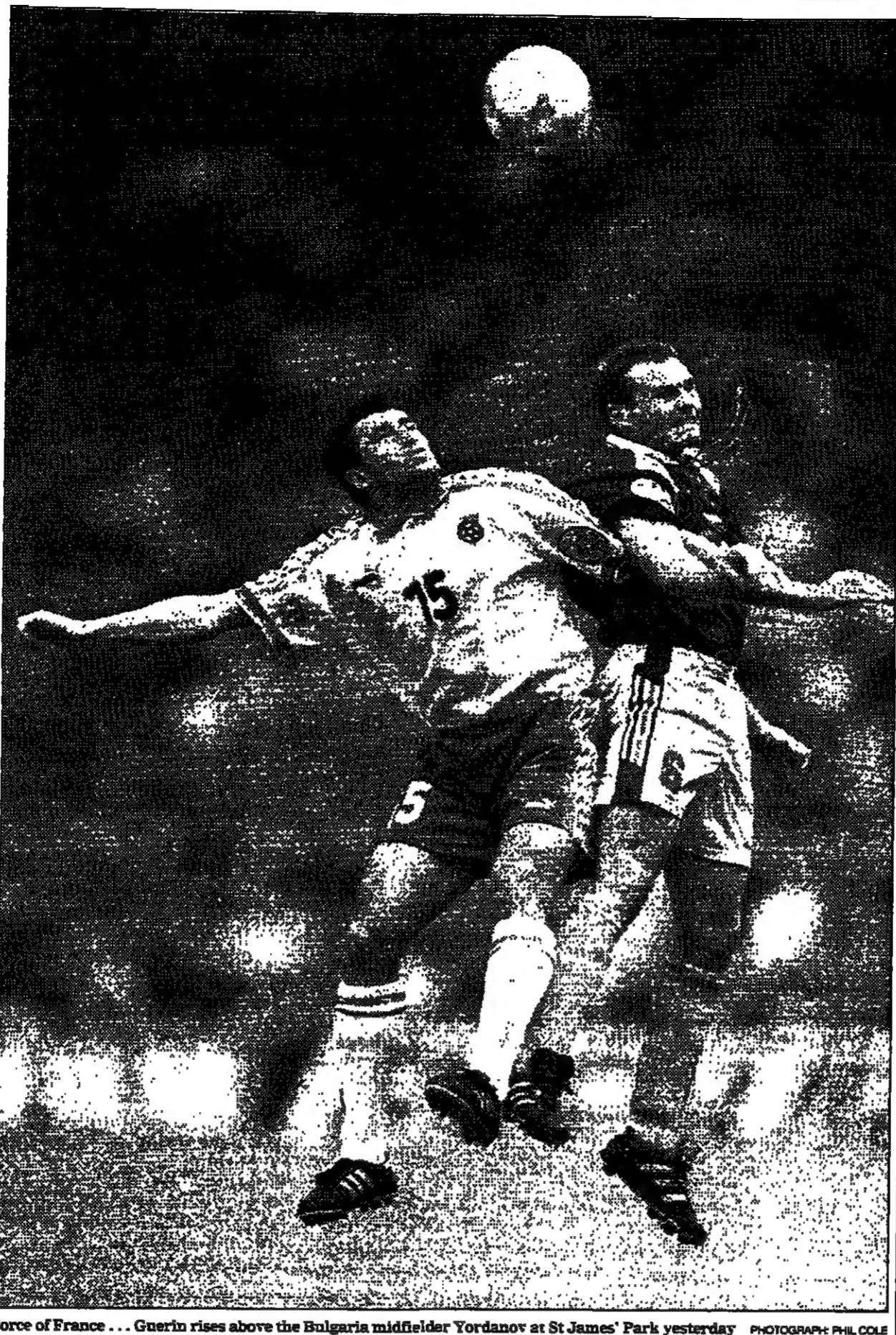
By then the French were once up, Bulgaria's lumbering forward Penev, whose physical bulk is reminiscent of Ian Botham in a Scanthorpe shirt, was outmanned at a Djorkaeff corner and a towering Laurent Blanc header put France ahead.

Half an hour later Penev was even more generous and the same Frenchmen again benefited. This time a stringing Djorkaeff free-kick was skidding towards Blanc's head but flew over it to Penev, jumping at the same time, and the ball clipped the Bulgarian's head and flew past Mihailov for an own-goal.

Without the talkative Kostadinov remarkably, Bulgaria's only change from that night in November three years ago—the men in green-and-white were subsiding. Only Mihailov kept them in the game, stopping a Djorkaeff free-kick and a graceful chip on the run by Dugarry.

Six minutes after Penev's own-goal, Bulgaria were given a lifeline by Stoichkov, whose high-velocity free-kick sailed over the French wall and beyond the grasping Lama. But the goal failed to revitalise the Bulgarian challenge and their tournament ended when the substitute Loko ran on to a Karamben pass, neatly rounded Mihailov and scored France's third at around the same moment Amor was finding the net in Leeds.

FRANCE: Lama; Thuram, Blanc, Desailly, Lizarazu, Karamben, Deschamps, Guerin, Zidane (Pedros, 81min), Dugarry (Loko, 89), Djorkaeff. BULGARIA: Mihailov; Kremenov, Todorov, Penev, Ivanov (Borimov, 75), Kostadinov, Lechev, Batshev (Durov, 81), Jordanov, Stoichkov, Penev.



Force of France... Guerin rises above the Bulgaria midfielder Jordanov at St James' Park yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: PHIL COLLIS

Spain 2, Romania 1

Amor finds a way to put the Spanish through

Ian Ross at Elland Road

SPAIN have every reason to believe that good things come to those who wait. A little over seven minutes remained in the game yesterday afternoon when they laid claim to the goal that was sufficient to extend their stay in Euro 96.

Victory over a spirited Romania, coupled with Bulgaria's defeat by France, was enough to carry Javier Clemente's side into the quarter-finals at Wembley on Saturday.

Outsiders they may still be but Spain are now unbeaten in 20 internationals, a sequence which extends back to their World Cup quarter-final defeat by Italy two years ago. "We played with our hearts if not always our heads," Clemente said. "It was close but we are delighted to be through."

After tame surrenders against France and Bulgaria, Romania belatedly discovered an urgency which at times yesterday threatened to undo opponents who tended to attack with an almost desperate disregard of their own safety.

Group B has provided some soulless spectacles but, with Spain having reached the point of no return and Romania the point of imminent return, the last vestiges of overcaution were swept away.

Romania's early pressure was relentless. Indeed, but the profligacy of Adrian Ilie the game could almost have been settled before the opening exchanges had lost their impetus. Yet, despite having performed with schoolboy naivety, Spain led by the 11th minute. Javier Manjarin's finish, a precise side-foot from 18

yards, was exquisite but the goal was born of good fortune. Had Amavisca's shot not cannoned into the legs of a defender the move would have perished in its infancy.

It was hard on Romania and they took another 18 minutes to rectify it. Their equaliser was a goal of marvellous precision. Ovidiu Stinga's threaded pass split the Spanish defence like a rotten peach but Florin Raducioiu still had much work to do. The striker moved gracefully yet at great speed before driving his shot beneath the body of the advancing Zubizarreta.

Spain spent the rest of the afternoon trying to convince themselves that patience, and patience alone, would be enough to fashion the goal that would carry them through. Ultimately they were to be vindicated but, as in their previous fixture with France, it was a desperately close-run thing.

Unable to locate a higher gear, they seemed likely to be consumed by a frustrating inability to enter the Romania penalty area without being overcome by the litters. The made openings of many shapes, shades and sizes but found wastrels everywhere. Amavisca drove too close to the goalkeeper, Hierro struck a defender on the line, and Manjarin swept wide.

And then, a little unexpectedly, Romanian luck ran out. Sergio's cross from the left was headed back across the face of goal by Alfonso, leaving the substitute Amor unattended to knock in a low header.

ROMANIA: Prunea; Petrescu, Prodan (Lupescu, 80min), Galca, Dobos, Solymos, Stinga, Hagi, Popescu, Raducioiu (Vladovic, 77), Ilie (Murtusanu, 65). SPAIN: Zubizarreta; Lopez, Alkorta, Abellado (Amor, 84), Sergio, Herra, Nadal, Manjarin, Kiko, Amavisca (Guerrero, 71), Pizzi (Alfonso, 86). Referee: A. Galar (Turkey).

No easy passage for Portugal as Croatia declare determination to keep up momentum and finish top

PORTUGAL, who need only a draw against Croatia at the City Ground, Nottingham today to reach the European Championship quarter-finals, will not find it easy against opponents who have already qualified and are determined to finish at the top of Group D.

"There will be no relaxing," said Croatia's striker Davor Suker, who scored twice against Denmark on Sunday. "We have to prove that we can beat anyone in the tournament."

Portugal will miss their suspended defender Paulinho Santos, and the midfielder Luis Figo is doubtful with an injured ankle. Croatia's coach Miroslav Blazevic plans to recall Alen Boksic, the striker who missed the match

against Denmark, in place of Goran Visovic. In the other Group D match Denmark, the defending champions, are hoping to beat Turkey convincingly at Hillsborough to provide their army of supporters with some cheer. "They have been superb so far and we would love to give them something to really shout about," said the Ipswich midfielder Claus Tomsen.

The match may well be the last in charge for the coach Richard Moller Nielsen, who takes over with Finland after the tournament. "There is still a chance and we must do everything we can to take it," he said. "In football nothing is impossible, and we will be going absolutely flat out."

Athletics

Slaney back but Lewis must wait

MARY SLANEY is back in the United States team at 57. She qualified for the 5,000 metres at the Olympic trials in Atlanta yesterday in a race which had eerie echoes of her 1984 calamity in Los Angeles. About 300m from the finish the 37-year-old veteran was clipped on the heel by Amy Rudolph, but unlike in Los Angeles, where she collapsed after tangle with Zola Budd, she ran on. Lynn Jennings won in 15min 28.18sec with Slaney, who improved from fifth, second in 15.29.38 and Rudolph third in 15.29.31. "It was a long shot to be here," said Slaney, who is also trying for a 1500m place, "and even a longer shot to make the team."

Cari Lewis, meanwhile, is still chasing a place in the team. The 34-year-old winner of eight Olympic gold medals failed to qualify for the 100m last weekend and yesterday cleared only 2.03m (2ft 4in) in the long jump. He was sixth out of 12 in the first round behind Mike Powell, the world record holder, and Mike Conley at 8.32m.

Rugby League

Hard-up Wigan looking to sell Central Park

Paul Fitzpatrick

WIGAN are to call an emergency meeting of shareholders to vote on a proposed ground-share with their nearer neighbours Wigan Athletic. Although the Wigan board, led by the chairman Jack Robinson, have previously opposed leaving Central Park, a move to the town's Robin Park complex is now attractive.

Central Park, home of Wigan since 1902, occupies a prime central site that has interested several supermarket chains. Wigan could receive as much as £12 million from the sale and that would help a

club with a dual problem: they have the code's biggest wage bill but their gates are falling.

"After a lot of soul-searching we have decided that this is the best way forward," said Robinson. "The final decision will rest with the shareholders but we believe the quality of the new development will win people over."

The proposed new stadium would cost £25 million, with the football club and the local council equal partners with Wigan. It could be ready in less than two years and might attract massive grant aid.

Meanwhile, Allan Bateman is to fly back from Australia for Wales's European Championship decider with England at Cardiff next Wednesday. The 31-year-old Cronulls Sharks and former Warrington centre has been given leave of absence by his club and is expected to train with the defending champions' squad on Monday.

Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, welcomed the reinforcement. "Allan is a world-class player. Cronulls realise his passion for Wales and have been fantastic in releasing him for such an important game."

Bateman, who joined Warrington from Neath in September 1990, has played three times for Great Britain and has scored five tries in 11 appearances for Wales.

Griffiths has had less luck with Scott Gibbs. Although the St Helens centre has been named in the squad he has no chance of being fit, according to his club's chief executive David Howes. Gibbs has missed Saints' last five games with a shoulder injury and, along with Tommy Martyn, Dean Busby and Derek McVey, is unavailable for the crucial match with Wigan at Central Park on Friday.

Chess

Karpov nears another win

Leonard Barden

ANATOLY KARPOV announced a pawn up and with another winning position in last night's seventh game as the American Gata Kamsky's challenge faded at the Fide world championship in Kalmykia. Play resumes today with Karpov leading 4-3 in the \$1.1 million, 20-game series and with a good chance of extending his lead to three points.

Kamsky dropped his usual Grunfeld Defence for the King's Indian, but Karpov played in impeccable strategic style before launching a battery of checks and captures. Seventh game (White: Karpov, Black: Kamsky): 1 d4 Nf6 2 d5 e6 3 Nc3 Bf7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 Bb7 6 e5 7-0-0 8 e6 9 Nf7 9 d6 10 Nf6 11 Nf2 Nf4 12 Bf1 13 Bg5 14 Nf3 Nf6 15 e5 16 e6 17 c6 18 Bf2 19 Nf4 20 Qd2 21 Qc2 22 Qc3 23 Bg2 24 Bg3 25 Bf2 26 Nf3 27 Bf3 28 Bf2 29 Qd2 30 Nc2 31 Bg2 32 Nf4 33 Nf3 34 Nf4 35 Nf3 36 Nf4 37 Nf3 38 Qf2 39 Qf3 40 Qf2 41 Qf3 42 Qf2 43 Qf3 44 Nf4 45 Nf3 46 Nf4 47 Nf3 48 Nf4 49 Nf3 50 Qf2 51 Qf3 52 Qf2 53 Qf3 54 Nf4 55 Nf3 56 Nf4 57 Qd6 58 Qd7 59 Qd6 60 Qd7 61 Qd6 62 Qd7 63 Qd6 64 Qd7 65 Qd6 66 Qd7 67 Qd6 68 Qd7 69 Qd6 70 Qd7 71 Qd6 72 Qd7 73 Qd6 74 Qd7 75 Qd6 76 Qd7 77 Qd6 78 Qd7 79 Qd6 80 Qd7 81 Qd6 82 Qd7 83 Qd6 84 Qd7 85 Qd6 86 Qd7 87 Qd6 88 Qd7 89 Qd6 90 Qd7 91 Qd6 92 Qd7 93 Qd6 94 Qd7 95 Qd6 96 Qd7 97 Qd6 98 Qd7 99 Qd6 100 Qd7

Sport in brief

Golf

The Open Championship at Royal Lytham on July 18-21 has attracted a record entry of 1,918 players. The previous record of 1,836 was set at St Andrews last year and the new figure is 525 more than when the Open was last held at Lytham in 1988.

"It is a remarkable increase and confirms the wisdom of our decision to increase the number of regional qualifying courses to 18," said Michael Bonalack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Club. "1,590 players will enter this stage on July 19."

A further 327 entrants go straight to final qualifying on July 14-15 at Fairhaven, Formby, St Annes Old and Southport and Ainsdale, while 92 players are exempt into the championship proper. The 92nd of those is Steve Jones, who qualifies thanks to his US Open victory on Sunday.

Athletics

Petri Tormainen, one of Finland's leading shot-putters, has been banned for four years after testing positive for anabolic steroids.

national athletic federation announced yesterday.

Sailing Chris Law beat Peter Holmberg of the Virgin Isles. Paul Cayard of the US and France's Pierre Mas before losing to Australia's Neville Witney in the opening round-robin matches of the Brut Cup of France at Sète, writes Bob Fisher. Two yachtsmen, the American Ed Baird and Frenchman Bertrand Pacé, were undefeated. In the other group New Zealand's Russell Coutts is chasing a \$250,000 bonus prize if he wins this Grand Prix. He won twice but lost to Luc Pillaud of France. Peter Gilmore (Australia), Stan Mohr (Denmark), Marc Bouet (France) and Pillaud also have 2-1 scores in this group.

Diving Leon Taylor, an 18-year-old Cheltenham student, will go to Atlanta after completing his A-level exams next month. A platform specialist, he was yesterday confirmed as a member of Britain's Olympic team and will join Tony Ali, Robert Morgan, Hayley Allen

Stewart in as Knight fails England fitness test

NICK KNIGHT made a solemn exit from the Lord's Test yesterday and opened the way for Alec Stewart to revive his international career.

Knight, who fractured a finger in the eight-wicket victory over India at Edgbaston, was ruled out of the second match of the Cornhill series after failing satisfactorily to come through a lengthy net session and a brief spell of slip-catching practice.

Stewart, instead of making the long trek north to play for Surrey against Durham in the championship at Stockton, will now renew his opening partnership with Mike Atherton as England seek an impregnable 2-0 lead.

"I'm disappointed for Nick Knight but pleased for myself," said Stewart. "It is disappointing to be left out at any time. This is one way of getting back in. It has given me the chance to re-establish myself. It's roles reversed for Nick and myself: he came in for me last season when I was injured. Knight's turn will come again."



Stewart... another chance

England's women cricketers lost their one-day international against New Zealand by 25 runs at Chester-le-Street, conceding the series 3-0. Chasing the tourists' 237 for seven, England were bowled out for 212 with three balls remaining.

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# Sports Guardian

## EURO 96: HUMBLING HOLLAND SCRAPE THROUGH AS SCOTS EXIT WITH A WIN

Group A: England 4, Holland 1

# All England's dreams come true

David Lacey at Wembley

ENGLAND are coming, and in far greater force than anyone could have expected. Terry Venables' team finally broke their mould of mundane mediocrity last night and not only beat Holland with a flurry of goals but brought the Dutch to the brink of elimination.

It took a late shot from a substitute, Patrick Kluijvert, through the legs of David Seaman to keep Holland's interest in Euro 96 alive, but the result was never in doubt. Two goals apiece from Alan Shearer and Terry Sheringham brought England a famous victory, spoiled only by the yellow card which will keep Paul Ince out of Saturday's quarter-final against Spain.

A draw was always going to satisfy both teams but, if England fancied the prospect of playing Spain for a place in the semi-finals, then the thought had surely occurred to the Dutch as well.

In addition, it was hard to imagine that the opportunity to settle some not-so-old scores had been entirely thrust to the backs of England's minds. The two encounters in 1993 which had done so much harm to England's World Cup hopes, Holland's 2-2 draw at Wembley and their 2-0 victory in Rotterdam, surely rankled with England still.

As expected, both Terry Venables and Guus Hiddink left well alone in the matter of team selection. Equally predictably, Southgate had moved back from midfield to keep Adams company in a back four. In fact the Aston Villa player was given the task of picking up Bergkamp.

Certainly England's defenders needed to keep their wits about them as Holland, with Winter and Cruyff and Witschge and Hoekstra giving them plenty of width, pressed forward from the outset, nearly scored in the seventh minute. After a corner from Anderton, Shearer drove the ball low through a thicket of legs only to see Witschge clear the shot off the goal-line.

Bergkamp, hovering between Adams and Southgate, was always going to be a danger. Just past the quarter-hour Blind's long pass released Arsenal's Dutchman and Bergkamp's claim that he was held back by Southgate seemed justified.

After 21 minutes the picture changed. This is when, in Rotterdam regained, remembering the way Koeman's grappling foul on Platt in the

penalty arc had denied Graham Taylor's team a probable goal three years earlier. Now England got their penalty.

An inspired pass from Sheringham released McManis on the right and, after cutting inside, the Liverpool man found Ince making a Platt-like run through the middle. As Ince passed Blind the Dutch captain left a trailing leg, bringing down the England midfielder. A yellow card for Blind, then Shearer drove the penalty low past Van der Sar.

Now confidence flowed through the veins of England's football and they might have increased their lead on the half-hour. Anderton ducked under Gascoigne's free-kick from the right, fooling the Dutch defenders, and Sheringham gave himself space for a firmly struck shot which Van der Sar held.

But by half-time Bergkamp might have given Holland the lead on his own. First he volleyed the ball wide after Seaman had punched out Seedorf's corner. Then he met another corner, from Reiziger, with a downward header which went wide of the near post, and in the next instant only Seaman's alertness in leaving his line thwarted the Dutch striker after Southgate had failed to stay with him on a through-ball.

Three minutes before half-time Gascoigne cleverly directed a centre from Gary Neville across the Dutch goalmouth for Sheringham's stretching toe-poke to drift past the far post.

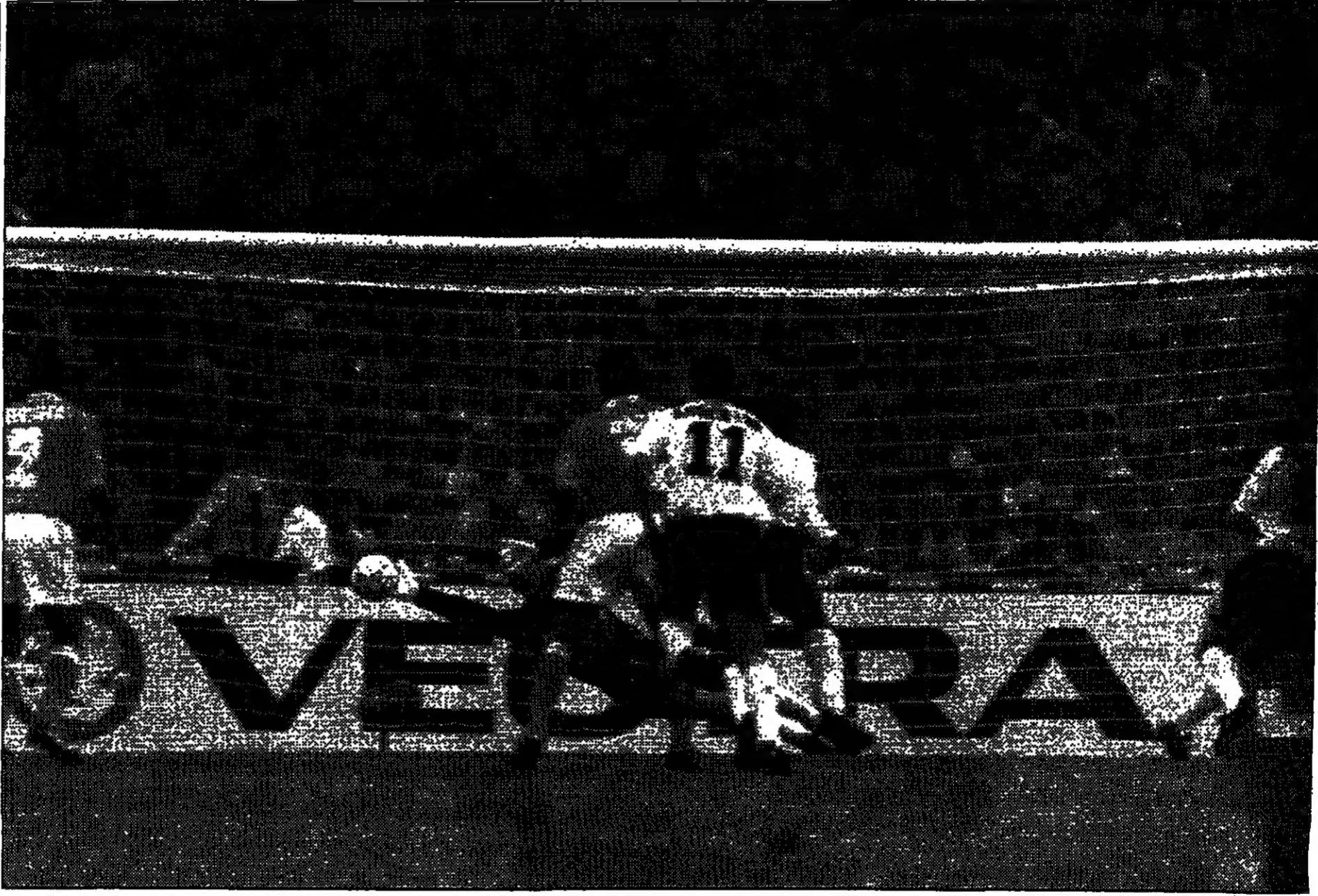
Ince was booked for a needless tug on Cruyff before the interval but amazingly England scored three times between the 50th and 62nd minutes.

A neat movement by Anderton, Sheringham and McManis forced a corner on the left and Gascoigne's kick was flighted for Sheringham to head past Van der Sar.

Three minutes before the hour Gascoigne brushed past Winter on the left and slipped the ball beyond Blind to Sheringham, who instead of shooting feinted and sent in Shearer, lurking in his right, for a resounding shot inside the near post.

Five minutes later, with the Dutch defence nowhere, Shearer and Anderton for a shot which took a slight deflection and was well saved by Van der Sar, only for Sheringham to score England's fourth from the rebound.

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Spot on... Shearer drives his penalty past Holland's goalkeeper Van der Sar to put England one up and on the way to their convincing victory last night. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

## Destiny calls as Venables men look simply the best

Richard Williams on a triumph of the will for newlook England

ENGLAND's opponents in Saturday's quarter-final at Wembley will be Spain, who qualified in dramatic fashion yesterday after beating Romania 2-1 in Group B.

"We're getting used to scoring goals in the last minutes and giving everyone heart attacks," said their central defender Abelardo, to one's evident disagreement

after the game at Elland Road. Twice in succession Spain have kept their hopes alive by scoring in the dying moments. Deportivo Coruña's midfielder Manjarin, who opened the scoring yesterday, said: "I hope we suffer in the same way but win again."

Spain finally secured their place in the 84th minute when Barcelona's Amor, a late addition to the squad, headed

home the winner from close range. Until then it had looked as if Bulgaria, who lost 3-1 to France, might still sneak in.

The Spanish were in contention only because Caminero, who did not play last night, had struck an 85th-minute equaliser against France in their second match on Saturday. Amor, who became a father on Monday, said he did not celebrate his goal in the same way as Caminero because he was not wearing a vest under his national team shirt; Caminero had lifted his

shirt after scoring on Saturday to reveal a white vest with his baby daughter's name Lidia written across the front.

He picked for the Wembley quarter-final Amor will be playing there for the first time, having missed the 1992 European Cup final, which Barcelona won, through suspension.

Spain's left-back Sergi, who was voted Man of the Match, echoed his team-mates when he said he did not mind who Spain had to play at Wembley. "For many players it's a dream

to play at Wembley," he said. "And my team-mates won the [European] Cup there."

The veteran goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta said Spain's capacity for lifting their game in the latter stages was "a question of personality".

He explained: "We may have had a long domestic season but in all three matches we were superior to Bulgaria. France and today Romania in both fitness and play in the last 20 to 25 minutes."

But Spain's coach Javier Clemente said Romania had been the best footballing side

of the group even though they had not earned a single point. "We played well in flurries but Romania were technically superior. We lifted ourselves more with our hearts than our heads," he said.

Romania's captain George Hagi, winning his 100th cap, was left to rue his side's missed opportunities. "I'm particularly sad because we did not realise our full ability in the tournament. We missed a lot of chances. But life goes on."

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Scotland 1, Switzerland 0

## Scots hopes rise and fall on the air waves

Patrick Glenn at Villa Park

SCOTLAND were cruelly evicted from the European Championship last night after coming up one measly goal short of the real thing. Having helped themselves with a victory over the Swiss which should have been by a wider margin, the Scots appeared to have been pushed into the last eight when England raced to a four-goal lead over the Dutch at Wembley. But Patrick Kluijvert's late strike for Holland rendered Ally McCoist's winner in Birmingham meaningless.

There could hardly have been a more appropriate scorer of the goal that finally broke the Scots' Euro 96 duck. Not only is McCoist the squad's leading scorer by a distance but he had already missed two outstanding opportunities in this match. Now, though, his beautifully struck right-foot shot from 15 yards, after being supplied by McAllister from the left, flew away to the right of Pascolo.

At the start Scotland's rush to lay the scoring hoodoo had been so demonic that they

surely established a record of sorts: no team in the tournament had created and squandered so many golden opportunities in the opening 12 minutes of a match.

The suspicion that some kind of malevolent provi-dence was at work, determined to keep Craig Brown's team on the rack, goal-free, seemed to be confirmed when

two of the three chances fell to McCoist, who would normally have converted them without blinking.

The first arrived in the sixth minute when Collins swung in a corner from the right and Durie flicked it on towards the six-yard box. McCoist met it on the drop-sole and Pascolo, with the merest fingertip, deflected the

ball on to the underside of the bar, from where it bounced back into play.

The second came from McKinlay's impeccably placed centre from the left, finding Burley on the far side of the penalty area and allowing him to push the ball back across goal. McCoist, unattended, had time to bring the ball down and pick his place in the net. But his slight delay allowed Pascolo to rush from goal, spread himself and deflect the shot with an outstretched foot. The miss seemed hardly credible.

McKinlay set up the third as well. His cross from the left was so accurate and beautifully weighted that it eluded both of Switzerland's central defenders and landed in the path of Burley. His effort was worse than McCoist's — a slice high and wide.

Although the Scots had created enough animation of their own among the Tartan Army around the stadium, the simultaneous derring-do of the English at Wembley did even more to cause the cacophony in the stands.

By the time Sheringham had made it 4-0, the Scots

were sure they had only to keep things as they were here to make the most improbable entry in history into the last eight of a major tournament.

Naturally there was no slackening of their grip and Collins's long-range shot, marginally wide, was followed by another from Durie which Pascolo had to save at his feet and hold to prevent any follow-up damage from the advancing McCoist.

Nor did Brown make a conscious decision to hold on to what his team had. McKinlay was removed — a little ill-advised perhaps as Boyd had seemed a likelier candidate — to make way for the forward Booth as the Scots chose to press in search of more goals.

They did this with exceptional vigour, giving the Swiss defence not a minute's peace and forcing Pascolo into a series of important interventions as well as winning a succession of corners as the play largely remained in the Swiss half.

SCOTLAND: Goalkeeper: Boyd, Calderwood, Hendry, McCall, McCoist, McAllister, Collins, McKinlay, Durie, Burley.

SWITZERLAND: Pascolo, Holliger, Quanten, Henrich, Storz, Chapuisat, Turkyilmaz, Veseli, Vogel, Barmen, Referees: V. Krondl (Czech Republic).

Group A: England (1) 4, Holland (0) 1, Norway (0) 1, Switzerland (0) 0.

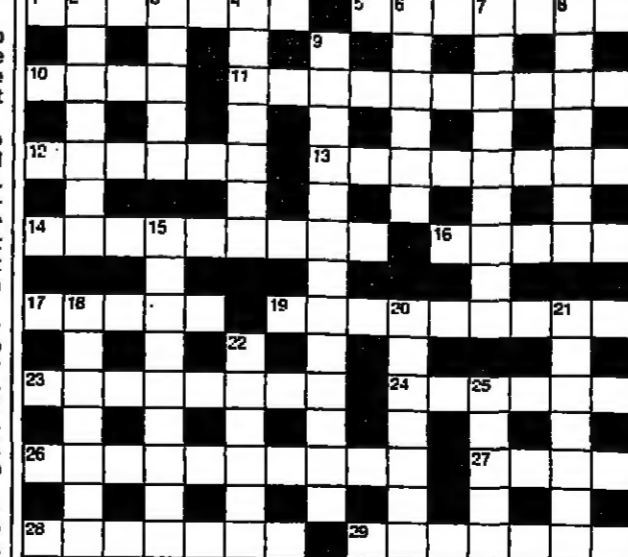
Group B: France (1) 2, Denmark (0) 1, Portugal (0) 1, Netherlands (0) 0.

Group C: Spain (1) 2, Belgium (0) 1, Italy (0) 0, Germany (0) 0.

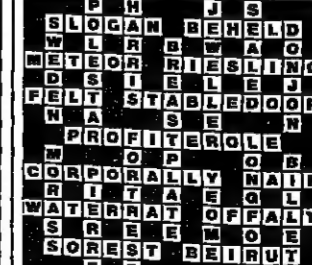
Group D: Bulgaria (0) 1, Romania (0) 1, Czech Republic (0) 0, Slovakia (0) 0.

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- Across**
- 1,5 Nelson's party in search of the Italian Green journalist (7,7)
  - 10,17 Labour ran fake numbers for diarist (4,5)
  - 11 Company of Wales reported Arab set-back in place of instruction (10)
  - 12 Nolisly drove off to the continent (5)
  - 13 Touchstones, sometimes, are rogue males (8)
  - 14 Seed crops sown for peas now and then (9)
  - 15 President Truman's badger? (5)
  - 17 See 10
  - 19 Dalmation town repairs, first off, damaged locks (5,4)
  - 23 Spain, too, built an Italian resort (5)
  - 24 Bobby, in the force, is managing quite well (6)
- Down**
- 2 Those who do contrive Socialists' succession of French/German mistress (10)
  - 27 Excuse withdrawn in 22.25 after clearing sump? Yes! (4)
  - 28 That girl — is she French? (7)
  - 29 A Christmas box posted well in time? (7)
  - 30 Cattle baron who managed a pop singer? (7)
  - 31 Touchstones, sometimes, are rogue males (8)
  - 32 Root vegetables came into being as an afterthought (5)
  - 34 Journalists who publish when they come out (7)
  - 36 Mr. Fish's line is "Ring up Mr. Nesbitt" (6)
  - 37 Slightly disordered, Surrey town supports Virginia to ring the changes (9)
  - 38 Short Australian jumper's half-hunter, "Charicleer" (7)
  - 39 Small-time fictional journalist's commission



CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,682 covering the French river circuit (7,5)

- 15 Disabled Green officer in charge of the warden (9)
  - 18 Talks little-tattle to tenants? (7)
  - 20 Italian composer turned up with first cellist, having lost Pole, cutting tooth (7)
  - 21 Brown has gone down to the crypt (7)
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